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Driver, 40, admits to horrific hit-and-run

JORDAN **DAY**
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A FATHER-of-two has pleaded guilty to a hit-and-run collision which left a local footballer needing both his legs amputated from the knee down.

Jan Adamec, 40, admitted two counts of causing serious injury by dangerous driving when he appeared via video link from Bedford Prison at Cambridge Crown Court on Monday morning.

He wore a dark grey T-shirt and blue jeans and spoke only to confirm his name and enter his pleas.

Adamec had previously pleaded not guilty to the charges at an earlier hearing at Peterborough Magistrates' Court.

The chef, from Haverhill, will remain in custody until September 9 when he will be sentenced.

Judge Jonathan Haworth said: "I'm worried that in a case as serious as this we can't proceed without a pre-sentence report." He adjourned the sentencing for that report to be produced.

Adamec crashed his grey Ford Focus into Shaun Whiter and Joey Abbs' stationary vehicles in Dullingham Road, near Newmarket, on July 1.

The court heard that friends Mr Whiter and Mr Abbs had stopped to change a tyre on the rural single carriageway when the collision happened.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE: Shaun Whiter

The two men, who play for Newmarket Town Football Club and Soham Town Rangers respectively, suffered serious injuries and were taken to Addenbrooke's.

Mr Whiter, who had been wearing a high-visibility jacket, had to have both his legs amputated from below the knee after he was pinned against his car during the crash, and Mr Abbs sustained serious injuries to his left leg.

The crash led to a public appeal for the driver to come forward. Many members of the public have been impressed by Mr Whiter's resilience and positive attitude.

A fundraising campaign has been launched by Mr Whiter's fiancée, Charlotte Way, with the aim of raising £120,000 to help him walk down the aisle at their wedding.

So far, more than £80,000 has been raised – vital funds which will help Mr Whiter purchase modifications for his home as well as help pay for his aftercare.

Cambridge United have also unveiled details of a day-long fundraising event planned for the Cambs Glass Stadium on October 9.

The U's are teaming up with Cambs FA, Newmarket Town, Soham Town Rangers, Fulbourn Institute and Cambridge City for a charity tournament on the day.

Kick off is at 1pm and there will be fun activities for all the family. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for under-18s, and can be bought at cufcdirect.com.

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SUMMER SMILES: Jessica, 11, and Adam, 7, enjoy their holiday activities. Inset, top, Iola, 3, and below, Jenny 3. Pictures: Keith Jones

Youngsters tread in famous footsteps

IT'S not just Hollywood stars who have been having a blast at Ely Cathedral this summer – local children are too.

Free children's drop-in sessions are being held at the Ship of the Fens to help keep little ones entertained during the school break.

Young visitors can enjoy arts and crafts, brass rubbing, storytelling, puzzles and trails around the cathedral during the sessions, which are running every Monday and Wednesday until August 31 from 10am-noon.

While the youngsters are letting off steam, the grown-ups can always check out the photography exhibition currently on show.

Members of Ely Photographic Club are exhibiting their work near the admissions desk – again until August 31.

TRAGEDY

Tributes paid to crash victim

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TRIBUTES have been paid to a young man who was killed in a tragic collision on the A10.

John Froggett, 24, of Teal Avenue, Soham, died when the blue Mazda he was driving was involved in a collision with a black Volvo V50 on the A10 at Stretham at around 1.30pm last Tuesday.

Mr Froggett was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Volvo, a man in his 40s, sustained minor injuries.

The *Ely News* understands Mr Froggett was from Cottenham and that he had moved to Soham with his girlfriend only recently.

A spokeswoman for Cottenham Cutz and Beauty said: "John was such a lovely, bubbly lad who was taken too soon. He will be missed by many and our thoughts go out to his family."

Many people have paid tribute to Mr Froggett on social media. Arran Spencer wrote: "RIP Froggett. Taken far too early in life.

"Thoughts are with his friends and family."

Amanda Abbs said the news was so sad, adding that her thoughts and prayers were with John's family.

Carolann Loveridge said: "RIP John, can't believe you have been taken.

"You just don't think that it will happen to anyone you know."

Police are urging anyone who witnessed the collision – or who has any information – to call 101.

Acting Traffic Sergeant Boris Kahn said: "This is a tragic incident where a young man has lost his life.

"We believe a number of vehicles passed the collision moments after it happened and ask that those drivers get in touch."

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COUNCIL

Date is set for closure of village and city public toilets

TWO of Ely's public toilets – and the loos in Burwell – will close for good next month, *Ely News* can confirm.

It was in March that members of East Cambs District Council's commercial services committee – apart from Lib Dem Lorna Dupré – voted to close certain loos in the district.

The decision was made despite pleas from residents and tourists to keep them open – and more than 500 people signing a petition set up by the Lib Dems.

Council bosses insist the district has too many public toilets – and that they cost too much to maintain.

The toilets in Barton Road, Ely, were also set to shut but the city council agreed to pay £8,000 to keep them open for one more year.

The toilets in Newnham Street and Sacrist Gate, Ely, will close on September 1, as will the ones in Burwell.

The closures will leave Ely with three public toilets – Palace Green, Ship Lane and The Cloisters.

SELFLESS: Xander Brown regularly does sponsored cycle rides to raise funds for Magpas.

Schoolboy completes 50-mile cycle ride for Magpas charity

ELY schoolboy Xander Brown has used his pedal power to raise yet more cash for emergency medical charity, Magpas.

Xander, 8, has been doing sponsored cycle rides for the charity for three years now.

The Ely St John's Primary School pupil completed his latest fundraising challenge this week – cycling from Ely to Cambridge and back again – a total of 50 miles.

Xander's mum, Michelle, who accompanied him on the ride, said: "Xander just loves doing things for others and he's been supporting Magpas for three years now.

"He did his first bike ride for them when he was 5 and I don't think he'll stop any time soon."

Xander has raised more than £1,300 since he started. To sponsor him, visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/XanderBrown

TRANSPORT

Firm wins contract for Ely bypass

HERTFORDSHIRE-based company VolkerFitzpatrick has won the £35 million contract to build Ely's southern bypass.

The firm will be responsible for constructing the new 1.7km long single carriageway road, which includes a 500m-long viaduct crossing of the River Great Ouse – and a separate bridge over a railway line.

The new route will leave the A142 Stuntney Causeway to the south-east of Ely, before re-joining the existing A142 at a new roundabout on Angel Drove.

Detailed design work on the two-year contract will now get under way with the aim of work starting on site at the start of 2017.

With more than 700 employees, VolkerFitzpatrick is one of the UK's largest construction companies.

The firm is also building the £50 million new station to serve the Cambridge Science Park.

As far as funding is concerned, the Department of Transport has agreed to put £16 million towards the bypass. The rest of the funding is being provided by the county council, Network Rail LEP, and East Cambridgeshire District Council community infrastructure levy receipts.

HEALTH

Speak up over hospital MIU

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A PUBLIC meeting is being held in Ely next week to enable residents and organisations to speak up about local minor injury unit (MIU) and outpatient services.

The meeting, organised by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), is at The Maltings on Tuesday, August 16.

It comes after a report written by the CCG was leaked by a whistleblower to North East Cambs MP Steve Barclay.

As reported, the document says that "based on the current financial position it is the only realistic option" to close the MIU at Ely's Princess of Wales Hospital – as well as the MIUs at Doddington and Wisbech hospitals.

Mr Barclay said the move was "misleading at best and dishonest at worse" as the CCG said there would be a public consultation yet the internal report suggests closure was the only option.

The CCG insists it is looking at "a number of options", that a review is under way and that no decision to close any of the units has been made.

The news triggered local resident Emma Watson to set up an online petition in a bid to save the MIUs from closing, and by the time the *Ely News* went to print this week, more than 3,930 people had signed it.

A spokeswoman for the CCG said: "As part of our Vanguard work, we had to review all our urgent and emergency care facilities, including the MIUs.

"The review highlighted that the three MIUs in the Cambridgeshire Fens do not meet national quality standards.

"No decisions have been made about the future of these services and we are looking at a number of options for urgent and minor injury services in East Cambs and Fenland.

"We need to think about how we can provide all these services in a safe, high quality way – and for this we need your help.

"The CCG is also looking for a new provider to take on outpatient services in the area from April 2017, following Cambridgeshire Community Services having given notice in May 2015.

"Working alongside local hospitals and other care providers, the CCG is looking at how outpatient services may better serve local residents, as part of the sustainability and transformation plan, to ensure the best overall care for patients.

"We know how valued and important these services are to local people and we remain committed to engaging with staff, clinicians, patients, public and partners as we develop our thinking. All of this work is still at an early stage."

The meeting starts at 6.30pm and all are welcome.

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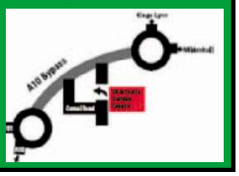

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FUNDRAISING

Charity walk tops £100,000

FUNDRAISERS: More than 60 people took part in this year's Dorset Walk.

JORDAN **DAY**
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WALKERS of all ages put their best foot forward to raise much-needed funds for cancer patients.

This year's Dorset Walk was held over the weekend and, as ever, the main aim was to raise money for charities and projects which support people and families affected by cancer.

The walk raises money for the Malcolm Whales Foundation – the charity launched by Damien Whales, an assistant principal at Ely College, in memory of his father.

Malcolm was just 55 when he lost his battle with bowel cancer in 2008.

When the Dorset Walk first started, the event was only open to pupils and staff at Ely College and there were 28 participants.

Over the years, the event has grown and grown, and this year, more than 60 people took part.

The amount raised since it started is a whopping £100,000, and Damien hopes this year's walk will have raised a further £10,000.

He said: "The atmosphere was fantastic this year. We had a bunch of really great people and a lot of laughs were had.

"We re-launched the walk this year and opened it up to the whole community, instead of just people with a connection to Ely College.

"People from one of our partner charities, Climbing Out, took part, plus we had a few people from RAF Wyton on the walk.

"We also had more children this year which was nice, including my son, Ethan, 6, who hasn't taken part before."

The walk covers over 40 miles along the Dorset coastline. It runs over three days, starting at Weymouth Seafront and finishing at Studland Bay.

Damien said: "As ever, the college community was really supportive of the walk with staff, pupils and many ex-pupils returning to take part.

"We've raised over £100,000 now since we started, with all funds raised going to charities and projects which support people and families affected by cancer.

"I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support, including Grey's of Ely who donated the use of one of their coaches for the trip, helping us to save a lot of money."

Damien is leaving Ely College and starting a new job at Rushden Academy in September.

However, plans for next year's Dorset Walk are already under way and the dates have been set – August 13-17, 2017.

Damien said: "We want to make the walk something the whole community can be part of and proud of.

"Everyone is welcome to take part – it's a great event for families."

Visit malcolmwhales.co.uk or search for the charity on Facebook or Twitter to find out more.

FIRES

Fire crews tackle three farmland blazes

FIREFIGHTERS were called to three blazes on farmland in the Ely area within 48 hours.

An area of land off the A142 in Soham caught light at around 6.55pm on Monday.

Crews arrived to find an area measuring approximately 250m by 20m comprising part standing crop and part cut crop well alight.

An area of standing crop measuring around 20m by 1m, also off the A142 in Soham, caught light at around 2.05pm on Sunday, and at 4.10pm that day crews were called to an area of field measuring approximately 75m by 75m which had caught fire in Main Street, Pymoor.

The cause of all three fires was accidental by equipment.

CRIME

Burglars using ladders to break into properties, say police

BURGLARS have used ladders people have "left lying around" in their gardens to break into two homes in the Ely area.

Police have now issued a warning to residents urging them to lock ladders and similar items away.

In a post on the Policing East Cambridgeshire Facebook page, a spokesman said: "We have seen a couple of burglaries in East Cambs recently where the offenders have gained entry to properties using items left lying around the garden.

"In both cases, ladders were used to access open upstairs windows.

"It is not uncommon for burglars to improvise using tools left laying around to break into a property.

"The best way to defend against this is to make sure that when you are finished using these tools then to lock them away in a shed or garage where they are not within easy reach of any would-be burglar."

For more crime prevention help and advice, visit cambs.police.uk

PLANNING

Rice wine brewery plan a first for UK

A JAPANESE family who have been producing rice wine for 200 years are setting up the UK's first sake brewery.

The Dojima company is investing £9 million after buying Fordham Abbey Estate, where it will also build an education and visitor centre.

The major scheme is a first for the UK and will create around 100 jobs over five years.

The Hashimoto family said they chose the site as it was close to where one of their children attends school.

The family, who own Dojima, were supported by both UK Trade and Investment (UKTI), and the Japanese Government, when they announced plans to begin brewing in the UK.

In March last year, they paid more than £3 million for the Fordham Estate, which consists of a Georgian manor and more than 200 acres of land.

A planning application for the new brewery in the grounds of the estate was approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee last Wednesday.

The company hopes its first sake – a wine made from water and fermented rice – will be ready in around a year's time.

Superhero theme at kids' club

PIZZA making and team challenges are helping to keep children entertained – and create new friendships – in Littleport.

A superheroes-themed summer holiday club is running at the Vine Community Church, in Globe Lane, all this week.

Organised by Light and Life, different activities are being held each day, including team challenges, sports, arts and crafts, and pizza making.

The club is running every day until Friday and is operating on a drop-in basis from 9.30am until noon.

The cost is £2 per day.

For more information, call Julie on 07790 304099 or Eluned on 07932 637071.

SUMMER FUN: Children who have been enjoying the holiday club

DEVELOPMENT

Homes plans a step closer

JORDAN **DAY**
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CONTENTIOUS plans to build 11 new homes in Ely's conservation area have moved a step closer.

It was in December that bosses at East Cambridgeshire District Council applied – to themselves – to build a terrace of six town houses and five apartments on an area of the long-stay car park in Barton Road.

The council plans to deliver the development through its Local Authority Trading Company, and says building the new homes is a good way of "raising income through the use of under-utilised land".

But the scheme has proved to be controversial, attracting more than 150 letters of objection, including the City of Ely Council – and criticism from the district council's conservation officers.

Despite concerns about the loss of both car and coach parking spaces, the impact the development will have on the conservation area and views of Ely Cathedral, and the scale of the properties, the council's planning committee voted by a majority to approve the scheme last Wednesday.

Planning officer Andrew Phillips, who recommended approval of the proposals, said: "The development will have a negative impact on the amount of parking space in Ely and this is likely to lead to minor harm to the economic output of Ely.

"However, even with the combined harm to the settings of the listed buildings/conservation area, the level of harm is considered to be less than substantial and it would not significantly outweigh the benefits of new dwellings."

Local residents Michelle Wolfe and Lesley Bishop spoke out against the plans at the meeting.

But the only committee members who voted to refuse the plans were Cllrs Derrick Beckett (Independent) and Sue Austen (Liberal Democrat).

Cllr Beckett said: "We should be weighing up the community benefits and the community blights from this development going ahead, and I am certain the negatives outweigh the positives.

"The properties are overpowering and out-of-character with the area. As a council, we keep promoting the fact we have free parking yet approving these plans would be getting rid of parking spaces."

Cllr Tom Hunt (Conservative) proposed a motion that the plans were approved, saying: "We have a duty to provide local people with new homes and I think the design of this development is great. Surely new homes in our city centre is a benefit to the local community?"

Because the plans have been submitted by the council, it will be the Secretary of State who will have the final say.

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Meeting was depressing

THE public voice was ignored once again as the council's proposal to build on the cathedral car park was approved by four votes to two in a very low quality debate on Wednesday.

The low quality was created by the fact that none of the councillors seemed to be in any way aware of what a busy part of the city Barton Road is; everyone seemed to think that it was a rather quaint mid-20th century village road with a nice view of the cathedral and St Mary's Church.

Councillor Hunt was the only one to speak with any passion when he declared that young people needed affordable housing, and he is right. Of course, since Ely is such a HUGE metropolis, there is no other land to the north, south, east or west of Ely that can be developed for young people who WOULD NOT MIND where accommodation could be made available as long as there is something. Of course the council is obliged to find space to build such housing, but NOT IN BARTON ROAD.

Opponents of the proposal had done no practical research on how busy the area on and around the car park is every day. They were unaware that some 400 cars deposit King's School pupils there every morning – it's not the car park space that is important – it's having a safe spot to stop, drop the children, turn round and go back home (often to outlying villages). (Someone was daft enough to ask if the huge number of coaches that drop off the important visitors could phone in and arrange a queue – of course the council is awash with money to pay for someone to sit and answer these calls!)

We know with the new proposal that if there is more than one coach, they can't turn around; last Saturday there were four coaches. King's hires at least three coaches every Wednesday afternoon to take students away to other schools for sporting activities. And so on and so on.

Barton Road provides the only free long term parking facility in Ely, so the Thursday and Saturday traders can stay all day – where will they go after this – another town I reckon. Where will the (really quite aged on average) "footfallers" get off their coaches? The Gallery? Won't that create a wonderful atmosphere at The Lamb Hotel traffic lights as the coach drivers try to turn right.

Ah, we could all go on and on. Councillor Hunt should have told us where else he and his colleagues had looked for other developments. If he had been able to say something like, "I have been all around Ely searching for suitable land for the people we need to build accommodation for, and – hand on heart – this is the only feasible location," then he would have been due some respect, but it was poor "debating" for him to simply trot out what is, essentially, an easy set of party line phrases. His opponents could have done so much better had they done their research, and argued with more passion (or did they know they were going to lose prior to the meeting?)

Next, the proposal will go to the Secretary of State, who of course knows the centre of Ely intimately, and will make a decision based on such local knowledge. Decisions made by those not in the know. The first time to attend a district council meeting was a thoroughly depressing experience all round.

Steve Johnson
Barton Road
Ely

Young dancers make divine moves

TALENTED young dancers have wowed family, friends and members of the public with a performance at Ely Cathedral.

Ely's Octagon Studios Performing Arts Centre has been running its annual summer school and last week was dance divine week.

Dancers spent the week brushing up on their ballet, contemporary and jazz moves, and the workshops culminated in a lunchtime performance in the Lady Chapel on Friday.

This week is a special musical theatre week at the studios, themed around Roald Dahl's much-loved Matilda.

August 15-19 is junior ballet week, which is being themed around Peter and The Wolf, and August 22-26 is junior musical theatre week, following the theme of Never Smile at a Crocodile.

To find out more, including times and costs, call (01353) 661919 or visit octagonstudios.co.uk

Concerns must be understood

ECDC's Planning Committee approved the council's Barton Road car park housing development at Wednesday's meeting.

This happened in spite of opposition from Ely Town Council, council conservation officer, many residents and other interested parties.

The way it was approved raises fundamental questions about the legitimacy of decision-making on planning matters affecting Ely. It asks the question "who represents Ely?"

The argument made at planning that "Ely needs more homes," is irrelevant in the face of the 3,000 homes planned in North Ely, and the prospect of "affordable housing" is negligible.

Cllr James Palmer, the leader of ECDC, calls it a "new kind of venture." However, what sort of venture is it that will negatively impact on tourism and longer-term economic benefit to Ely?

When more parking spaces are required, what is the sense in decreasing them?

ECDC should be encouraging more tourism to Ely by increasing facilities for coaches and buses rather than restricting them at a major logistic point in central Ely. The overriding priority of ECDC should be to conserve historic Ely and to ensure decision making places the centre of Ely at best possible economic advantage.

Financing projects in 'new' Ely to the detriment of other parts of Ely, is not only bad planning, it is bad politics. This decision reflects badly on ECDC and suggests that the current framework is not fit for purpose! If democracy is to be served at all – and the beauty of Ely conserved for future generations – then decisions such as Wednesday's should not be considered acceptable practice.

Cllr Palmer is surprised at what he perceives as overreaction. However, local politics has always been thus. Understanding the underlying

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concerns and issues is key to governing with the support of voters and not against the will of the people.
Neil Grimston
Barton Road
Ely

Casual attitude to tax money

APPARENTLY, Councillor Palmer thinks people are over-reacting about the Barton Road fiasco, how arrogant. He should remember that lives were sacrificed for our democracy which means that when more than 100 people object to something, it should count.

Yet again, ECDC staff and councillors ignore those who employ them, so why bother wasting OUR money on consultations?

I urge everyone to look closely at their council tax bills because they are shocking such as this year Soham Town Council received a 25 per cent increase and yet it has, allegedly, wasted a fortune on plans for renovation of the building.

Adding insult to injury ECDC has allowed around 1,500 people to default on their council tax to the tune of £2 million. I find that deeply offensive, given that mine has tripled over 21 years. I would receive threatening letters if my payment was a few days late, so how can this deficit have been permitted?

This indicates inefficiency on the part of the accounts manager and needs to be addressed immediately. I was notified that direct debit was mandatory, so how can anyone default ?

As if this isn't bad enough, the county council blew more than £200 million replacing street lights when possibly modifying the bulb fixtures would have sufficed. What was the point because lights are turned off almost as soon as darkness falls near me in Soham.

I ask both councils what am I paying for other than the £1 a week for rubbish collection? I have managed budgets here and in the US and am appalled at the casual attitude towards tax money not only from both councils, but generally in the UK with our NHS being another example.
D Donald
by email

Thanks for your support

OUSEFEST 2016 turned out to be a fantastic, fun-packed fortnight of events to celebrate the unique heritage, wildlife and landscape of the Ouse Washes Landscape. Over 3,000 people attended 100 events held across the Ouse Washes Landscape from St Ives to Downham Market and Chatteris to Ely. With family fun days and guided history walks, wildlife adventure days and craft workshops, theatre performances and poetry workshops, there was something for everyone. We are delighted with the success of this year's OuseFest. It was an absolute pleasure to meet and chat to everyone who came, and lovely to celebrate everything that makes the landscape great with the people that live here as well as visitors to the area.

The whole Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership team would like to thank everyone who visited and all of our partners who helped make it such a perfect festival.

We'd also like to thank the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding our project and allowing OuseFest to take place. Feedback from the events has been wonderful and we're overwhelmed with the positive response. It is hoped that funding can be found to continue OuseFest in 2017 and beyond. We'd love to hear from any individuals or organisations keen to be involved in next year's festival.

In the meantime, please do check the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership's What's On Calendar for other events happening throughout the year: http://ousewashes.org.uk/whats-on. OuseFest 2016 photographs and film will also appear on our website soon.
Sara Marshall
countryside engagement & marketing officer
Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership
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Your pictures

POPPY FIELD: **Milly Copeland, of New Barns Avenue, Ely, took this photograph between Coveney and Ely**

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Another blow to rural residents

THE rumoured closure of the minor injuries units at Ely, March and Doddington comes as another blow to the rural dwellers of this area.

The authorities claim that this is only an option but have clearly stated their intentions if your headline of August 4 is anything to go by.

I hope the 3,500 signatories of the petition against the plan are not ignored or people needing help may not be able to get to the main hospitals in the county.

Worse still they may not be able to even afford the journey to Cambridge or Peterborough which means they immediately become disenfranchised in this so called Big Society of ours.

I await Lucy Frazer's reply to my letter on the subject.
Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

Bringing home realistic goals

I AM disappointed that Cambridge Ahead propose a continuation of unbalanced planning. Proposing more jobs than homes just adds fuel to skyrocketing housing costs. The *Cambridge News* reported last week "14 jobs to each job seeker" so we plainly need housing regardless of new jobs.

That they also fail to put quantitative targets for infrastructure, such as schools and transportation shows that we need someone who truly looks at the whole picture!
Peter Dawe
Broad Street
Ely

It beggars belief in city

I LIVE six miles outside the centre of Cambridge but do not come to the city if I can help it because of the cost of the park and ride and the car parks. But recently I had to go to Cambridge.

I was so shocked and embarrassed to see the amount of beggars and rough sleepers in doorways all over the city centre at 11.30 in the morning.

Most of the beggars were outside the banks, so I told a bank employee about the beggar outside and was told if they ring the police it can take an hour before the beggar gets moved on.

As usual, the city centre was full of foreign visitors; what a wonderful sight these rough sleepers make for our beautiful city.

To finish my embarrassing trip off, every 10 metres I was stopped by people in red T-shirts, which to me was more like legalised begging as they were asking me to support a charity, and not liking it when I said no.

With Newmarket and Ely not too far away, it will be a long time before I return to Cambridge.
Allen Champion
Fairhaven Close
Lode

We must work with nature

THERE are many theories to why bees are disappearing.

The 'Chemicals' have blamed mites as a reason for bee deaths. Interestingly and worryingly bee colony losses are occurring during the spring and summer months as well as the winter, suggesting that something else is going on – bees may be the canary in the coalmine of bigger environmental problems. One in three bites of food we eat is directly or indirectly pollinated by bees. Pesticide exposure is a likely factor. Neonicotinoids have been increasingly blamed for bee deaths and were implicated in the 2013 mass bee die-off of 25,000 bumblebees along with millions of bee deaths in Canada. An independent review by 29 scientists with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (which looked at 800 studies) found neonicotinoids are gravely harming bees. Another glaring problem is the vast amounts of land growing one type of crop on a massive scale. Not only does this do away with natural food sources – it exposes them to increased risks. GM corn is the epitome of monoculture and the vast majority is treated with neonicotinoids like clothianidin or thiamethoxam. Glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup herbicide may also play a role in bee's deaths. Glyphosate is a very strong hormone disrupter. And in all likelihood, it's not one or two chemicals that are the problem but many.

The orchard at the bottom of our garden has very little fruit growing this year and its owner is convinced that it has something to do with the oil seed rape sprayed with neonicotinoids at the bottom of the hill. The chemicals are no longer working. An article by a farmer in the *Farmer's Weekly* a few weeks ago stated very clearly just that. Instead of campaigning for more and stronger chemicals we need to revert back to a system that works with nature instead of against it.
Kate Travers
High Street
Sutton

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Birthday Greetings

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x x

18th

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Deaths

COWLING
Derek Sidney

of Ely

Passed away at home on Thursday 28th July 2016 aged 85 years.

Brother to the late Jack and a dear uncle.

Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ely on Friday 19th August 2016 at 10.30am followed by interment in Ely Cemetery.

Flowers, or donations for East Anglian Air Ambulance may be left at the service or sent to

Ely Funeral Service
4 Tower Road, Ely,
Cambs CB7 4HW.
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GREENWOOD
Nigel

of Ely and formerly of Ramsey

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, following a short brave battle with cancer, on 4th August 2016, aged 62 years. Loving husband, father and grandfather.

Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church Ely, on Monday 22nd August at 11:00 am. Family flowers only but donations for Action on Hearing Loss or Cancer Research UK may be left at the service or sent to

C. E. Fuller & Co,
23 Hall Street, Soham,
Cambs, CB7 5BN.
Tel: 01353 720 439

HARNWELL
John Alfred

Passed away on Monday 8th August 2016 in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely following a short illness.
Now at peace.

Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 2.00pm followed by an interment in Ely Cemetery.

For further details please contact
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Acknowledgements

ISAACSON
RON

Doreen and all the family would like to thank everyone who attended Ron's funeral service on the 2nd June 2016.
They would also like to say a special thank-you for all the generous donations to the Wood Green Animal Shelter, which totalled £310.50. These were presented to the Shelter, on what would have been Ron's 83rd birthday, and were very gratefully received.

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Jennifer Ann

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COMMUNITY

POPULAR: Garfield with new Sainsbury's manager Simon Cross

Fury over Garfield's store ban

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

THE decision to ban ginger moggy Garfield from Virgin Holidays in Ely has sparked anger from animal lovers.

The plucky puss is so popular with shoppers at Sainsbury's in Ely that he has his own Facebook page, where people post daily 'selfies' with him.

But, as reported, Virgin bosses have ordered their staff in Ely to shoo him out if he wanders in – after a complaint was made to head office by someone claiming Garfield had scratched their daughter.

A spokesman for Virgin said: "We can confirm that Mr Sainsbury's (aka Garfield) has been asked to leave our Ely store after some less than purrrrrfect behaviour recently.

"As one of the most loved furry faces in town we hope that he will paws for thought on his actions, however the safety of our human customers has to take priority."

Hundreds of his fans have had their say online, including one who said: "What nonsense! He is a cat and of course he will scratch – he is not a toy. The parents should control their child and not be so pathetic to complain."

Sainsbury's managers insist Garfield is still welcome in the supermarket's lobby area.

To have your say on this story visit our website at ely-news.co.uk

COMMUNITY

Mediums in city

A MEDIUMSHIP evening is being held at Ely's Oliver Cromwell House on Wednesday, August 17.

New Spiritualists' Society Ministers Denise Mascherpa, Lyndi Molyneux, and Cathy and Lyn Gibb-de Swarte are hosting the event.

A spokeswoman said: "With over 100 years between them of demonstrating their excellent gifts of mediumship, they will be delivering contacts with friends and loved ones in a caring, sometimes humorous, but always accurate way."

Entry is £8 on the doors, which open at 7.15pm. All are welcome.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Triathlon road closures

TWO triathlons are being held in Ely on Sunday, August 21.

The events, organised by Monster Racing, are in Jubilee Gardens and Cherry Hill, and as a result there will be road closures in High Street, Forehill, Market Place and Dolphin Lane. The Monster Racing team have apologised in advance for any inconvenience caused and are urging people to turn out to support the athletes.

Visit monsterracing.net for more information.

Summer street party organised by shops

SHOPS in Ely's High Street Passage are joining forces for a summer street party on Thursday, August 18.

Running from 3-7pm, the event will feature live music, magic, face painting, children's storytelling, special offers and discounts, workshops and demonstrations, and a raffle for Age UK.

Call (01353) 669759 for more information.

FUNDRAISING

Colleagues to take part in charity skydive

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

WORK colleagues are taking to the skies on Friday to raise funds for a charity close to their hearts.

Around 20 members of Network Rail staff at the Ely depot are to do a tandem skydive in aid of the St Thomas' Lupus Trust.

Marcela Sands, who works at the depot, was diagnosed with lupus last August.

Oliver Hudson, one of those taking part, said: "Lupus is an incurable immune system illness which can affect any part of the body, which makes it incredibly dangerous. Lupus can produce many symptoms which local doctors often fail to recognise.

"While going undiagnosed, major organs can be irreversibly damaged. Principally the organs mainly affected are the kidneys and the skin but it can also affect the lungs, heart and brain.

"There are two major symptoms that are usually present with lupus, these are joint and muscular pain and extreme tiredness that just won't go away no matter how much rest you get.

"The difficult part is that people with lupus can differ greatly in the symptoms they get and how much they suffer.

"Other symptoms can be rashes, fever, headaches, hair loss, depression and anaemia. It is hard to diagnose as the symptoms that people receive are very often confused with other illnesses, for example, leukaemia, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis.

"After watching Marcela suffer, we decided to see if we could do our bit to help fund more research and raise awareness."

The trust is dedicated to raising funds to support the pioneering work of the lupus research team and the patient unit at St Thomas' Hospital. The group has raised more than £5,800 so far.

To sponsor them, visit justgiving.com/Network-Rail-Ely-Depot

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BIG LEAP: Around 20 staff at the Network Rail depot in Ely are doing the charity skydive.

GLASSWELLS: Firm has made consistent strides towards quality and value from the start. The team, centre, are, from left, Don Boughton, Les Fiddy, Jerry Leslie, Tim Reardon and Jo Groom

How Glasswells came of age in 1990s

AS we continue to narrate the history of Glasswells, our focus now falls upon the 1990s.

Although by the early 90s the company had a total of 16,000 sq.ft. between St Andrews Street and Brentgovel Street branches, they realised this was no longer enough. The public were demanding bigger and better furniture displays, and more parking. A changing marketplace also saw more names appearing on the scene and Glasswells' market share falling.

In 1990 the management team took a long hard look at the situation and concluded it was time for a change. Substantial residential development in the borough convinced Leslie and Paul they needed to move to an edge-of-town location. They had the advantage of owning most of their own property, so the idea of becoming a tenant did not appeal.

In early 1992, Glasswells had the opportunity to acquire the 4.5-acre site and 34,000sq.ft. former Fiat buildings off Newmarket Road, with masses of space for further expansion. The purchase was completed by July, although development needed considerable thought as they planned to open within just ten weeks. Architect Ray Durrant was engaged and contracts placed with constructors W.J.Baker, who completed on time. The store was further extended in 1995.

"We succeeded in creating a large store where customers can see displays of furnishings as they might

ADVERTISING FEATURE

look at home," recollects Leslie. "We also added complementary departments and an in-store restaurant called The Place to Eat, which became integral to its success."

From a bespoke entrance carpet to specially textured ceilings, no stone was left unturned in providing customers with the ultimate shopping experience. However its continuing success combined with business generated by the newer Martlesham Heath 'World of Furniture' along with four further regional high street stores meant that by the late 90s the Tollgate Warehouse was bursting at the seams.

The decision was made to build a new £1.5m storage facility on a 4.5-acre site on Suffolk Business Park at Moreton Hall in Bury. The new 40,000sq.ft. warehouse would have scope for expansion and would replace the old Fornham Road warehouse which was built in 1956 and gradually extended until it reached its maximum 30.000sq.ft. capacity.

The new building enabled Glasswells to maintain higher stock levels, so cutting delivery times. Stock-handling became more efficient with the purpose-built facilities, and enabled the firm to further expand their removals department and offer greater storage facilities. The location also had the benefit of easy access to the A14 from where they could service the whole of the Anglia region.

Now in 2016, the currently 80.000sq.ft. Kempson Way warehouse is once again 'hub of operations'. The huge capacity means more stock can be ordered from manufacturers, with the resulting bigger discounts passed onto customers. And with a fleet of vans operating daily throughout the region, Glasswells offers express delivery on many more items.

It has also allowed the expansion of the removals department which now offers a nationwide and overseas service. Business and commercial warehousing is also available with companies of all sizes making use of the highly secure premises.

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FUNDRAISING

Photos to raise cash for fund

A LOCAL business is running a competition to help Ely's Highfield School raise enough money to buy an all-terrain wheelchair for its pupils.

The school, which caters for pupils with additional needs, says the wheelchair, which costs around £5,000, would make a big difference to its learners.

Metro Rod, based in Chettisham, will be making a donation to the cause for every photograph it receives of someone with the company's mascot, Ronnie.

A spokeswoman said: "To enter our fun competition, take a photograph of yourself with Ronnie and email it to naomi@metrorodcambridge.co.uk along with your name, address, age and where you are with Ronnie.

"Entries must be submitted by August 22 – the best six photos will be displayed on our Facebook page and the photo with the most likes will win an IPad Mini."

Search for Metro Rod Cambridge on Facebook to find out more.

EDUCATION

Catering changes at college

STUDENTS at Ely College are set to enjoy a whole new dining experience when they head back after the summer break.

Pabulum is the catering partner for Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT), which Ely College joined in July.

Pablum's contract with the college will commence in September and will see the company making a significant cash investment into the school's catering facilities.

This includes a new 'Food Cube' for the college's newly-constructed communal area, which will help to reduce queues in the main restaurant.

Pabulum will also be rebranding and refurbishing the main restaurant to include a new express lane.

In 2017, the firm plans to launch its successful I Love Coffee coffee shop at the college too.

STRUTTING THEIR STUFF: Youngsters with dance teacher Elizabeth Aitken, centre
Picture: Richard Patterson

Young enjoy street dance sessions

YOUNGSTERS have been perfecting their street dance moves in Ely.

The Youth Ely Hub (YEH), in Barton Road, is running special workshops every Tuesday throughout August to help keep children and teenagers occupied.

Last week it was street dance, this week it was graffiti art and on Tuesday, August 16, there is another graffiti art session.

On August 23 there is print making and on August 30 there is another street dance day.

The drop-in activities run from 8.30am-6pm and the cost is £5 for YEH members or £10 for non-members.

The youth club itself is also open on Mondays from 6-10pm for those aged 13 and over, and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6-8.30pm for 8-13 years. Visit centreeely.com./youth-ely-hub

POLITICS

Have your say on devolution

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

RESIDENTS, businesses and organisations in the Ely area have less than a fortnight left to have their say on the proposed devolution deal for Cambridgeshire.

The proposal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough includes forming a 'combined authority' that would include East Cambridgeshire District Council, Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership.

As reported, the bid includes a new £20 million annual fund for the next 30 years (£600 million) to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs, and £170 million for affordable housing, including £100 million for affordable, rent and shared ownership.

The bid also includes transport infrastructure improvements, such as A14/A142 junction and upgrades to the A10 and the A47 as well as Ely North Junction, rail improvements, including a new station at Soham, a local integrated job service working alongside the Department of Work and Pensions, and plans to integrate local health and social care resources to provide better outcomes for residents.

Jo Brooks, director of operations at East Cambs District Council, said: "Government says in order to secure a devolution deal, and the decision making powers and funding that come with it, there must be a combined local authority with a single person in charge, usually referred to as a mayor.

"The combined authority would mean a sharing of certain powers to make sure decisions benefitted the whole area and how this is governed would be up to the authorities set out in the deal.

"All the councils would keep their sovereignty and continue to deliver services for residents as we do currently – even if we are part of a combined authority."

Ely businessman Peter Dawe was the first person to announce that he would stand for the mayoral role if the deal goes ahead.

The consultation ends on Tuesday, August 23. Responses will be reviewed and each council will then have to formally agree the deal later this year. This means the Government could give final approval to a deal before the end of the year.

To have your say, visit cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolutionsurvey or email research.group@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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FUNDRAISING

Golfers bag £4k for club charity

JORDAN **DAY**
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GOLFERS have raised more than £4,000 for charity by climbing three of the UK's highest mountains.

Karl Mackender, James Smith, Steve Sharp and Tim Ashman successfully completed the Three Peaks Challenge, supported by their driver Ali Berry.

The intrepid group, who are all members of Ely City Golf Club, took on the challenge – which involves climbing the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales (Ben Nevis at 1,344m, Scafell Pike at 978m and Snowdon at 1,085m) within a 24-hour period – in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). They raised £4,100 in total.

Tim said: "We are all members of Ely City Golf Club and EACH is this year's club charity.

"We all started chatting about what we could do to raise money as we wanted to offer our support.

"The challenge was tough, Steve and I walk on mountains regularly on family holidays, James is an occasional mountain walker but for Karl it was his first real experience of walking the fells.

"From January onwards we went on walking weekends each month and that was a great help with fitness and dealing with the conditions we'd come across.

"Having Ali driving us was a godsend, it meant we were able to just jump in the car and be on our way allowing us all to freshen up and catch a bit of rest. We couldn't have done it without him.

"We completed the challenge with just 10 minutes to spare, having spurred each other on throughout. It was an amazing experience and one we will all remember.

"We're thrilled with the amount raised and know it will be well spent by EACH."

EACH cares for children and young people with life-threatening conditions across East Anglia and supports their families.

Peter Law, EACH Cambridgeshire Community fundraiser, said: "I'd like to say a huge congratulations to the whole team from the Ely City Golf Club for completing this impressive challenge.

"The amount raised is truly fantastic and we are so grateful for their support.

"All the money raised will be spent on the vital services we provide to local families at a time when they need it most."

To find out how you can support EACH, go to each.org.uk

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GETTING REATIVE: Workshops for children are being held throughout the summer

Crafty children enjoy workshops

ARTISTIC youngsters are unleashing their creative talents in Haddenham.

Haddenham Galleries has organised summer workshops for children.

Artist Debbie Bellaby was on hand to show youngsters how to make their own 3D story boxes and today (August 11) she is running a comic strips children's workshop.

On Thursday, August 18, Ann Biggs is then hosting a children's string printing workshop.

There are also workshops for adults, including a stencil, stamp and stitch workshop on Saturday, August 13, with Debs Munford.

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Party time as Frances, 75 celebrates 'amazing' life

REMARKABLE: Frances Gillett celebrates her 75th birthday with friends

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MEET Frances Gillett, the Ely resident with Down's syndrome who is the oldest British woman with the condition.

When she was born in 1941, the average life expectancy for someone with the syndrome was the mid-20s.

But Frances – who has also survived breast cancer and tuberculosis – has just celebrated her 75th birthday.

Holly Cottage in Ely, the residential care home where Frances lives, threw her a surprise party with family and friends at Little Downham Village Hall to mark her special day.

Wayne Bent, part owner of Holly Cottage, said: "Frances is really and truly amazing, and over the years she has become more than a resident; she is like family.

"Years ago, there was zero expectancy for someone with Down's syndrome to live such a long life, so for her to celebrate her 75th birthday is wonderful."

Frances is only a few months younger than Dollie Grissom, from Oklahoma, in the USA, who is the oldest woman alive with Down's syndrome.

She reached her 75th birthday in February.

Frances lived with her parents in Soham until 20 years ago, when she moved into the residential home.

Twelve years ago, she stunned doctors by beating breast cancer, and has now made a full recovery.

Frances also had tuberculosis around 10 years ago, but fought that off too.

The life expectancy for someone with Down's has increased hugely since 1910, when someone with the condition would usually only live to the age of 10.

Now the life expectancy is 50 to 60 years old.

Joe Sanderson, from Cleveland, Lancashire, is thought to have become the oldest living man with the condition in March, when he celebrated his 80th birthday.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans for 14 homes

NEW homes look set to be built in Wicken, Mepal and Pymoor.

East Cambs District Council has received plans for seven dwellings to be built on land north of 20A, Chapel Lane, Wicken, and four dwellings to be built on land south of 65, Main Street, Pymoor.

Plans for three dwellings at Broadmead in Witcham Road, Mepal, have also been submitted.

Visit eastcambs.gov.uk to view either set of plans.

Diocese has new head of communications

JAMES Owen is the new head of communications for the Diocese of Ely.

James studied marine biology and aquatic resource management at the University of Plymouth and King's College, London, respectively. Before coming to the diocese, he was communications manager for global food and feeds business Volac.

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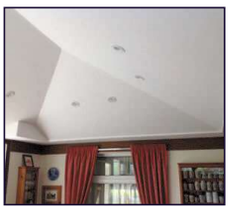

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■ Abracadabra fun at the Paradise Centre on Monday, August 15 from 9.45-10.30am. Suitable for ages 4-6. Call (01353) 667580.
■ 1955 film, *Rebel Without A Cause*, being screened in Ely on Monday, August 15. The Ely Film Society screening is at the Old Palace at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 668639.
■ Grafitti art summer holiday activity at Youth Ely Hub on Tuesday, August 16 from 8.30am-6pm. Call 07771 664961.
■ Glass and metal fusing children's workshop at the Stained Glass Museum on Wednesday, August 17 from 2-4pm. Suitable for ages 8+. Call (01353) 660347.
■ Junior Ballet Week summer school at Octagon Studios Performing Arts Centre from August 15-19. Daily from 11am-3pm. Suitable for ages 5-12. Call (01353) 661919.
■ Premier Performing Arts summer holiday camp and football and multi-sport summer holiday camp at the Paradise Centre from August 15-19. Daily from 9am-3.15pm. Suitable for ages 4-12. Call (01953) 499040.
■ St Mary's Church starting a new Love Actually group on September 8. The group, aimed to help people strengthen their partnership, will meet at Costa on Thursdays at 7.45pm. Email office@stmarysely.org

Littleport

■ Children's teddy bear picnic at the leisure centre on Thursday from 10am-2pm, followed by a disco and games on Friday from 3-6pm, dodgeball on Monday, August 15 from 10am-noon and crafts on Wednesday, August 17 from 12-3pm. Call (01353) 860600.
■ Family fun day at Branching Out, in Grange Lane, on Friday from 10.30am-2.30pm. Stalls, music, bouncy castles, games and more.
■ Prize bingo at the leisure centre on Saturday from 6.30pm. Call (01353) 860600.
■ Quiz night at the leisure centre on Sunday in aid of Littleport Town Football Club at 7pm. Call (01353) 860600.
■ Quiz night at the Plough and Harrow on Wednesday, August 17 from 9pm. £10 per team of four people. Call (01353) 864799.
■ Inflatable fun day at the leisure centre on Thursday, August 18 from 10am-2pm. £5 per wristband for unlimited play. Call (01353) 860600

Soham

■ Fairytale Week summer holiday fun at South Angle Farm Park from August 15-19. Open everyday from 10am-4pm. Call (01353) 720932.
■ Premier Sport's football and multi-sport summer holiday camp at Shade Primary School from August 15-18. Daily from 9am-3.15pm. Suitable for ages 4-12. Call (01953) 499040.

Stretham

■ Premier Sport's football and multi-sport summer holiday camp at Stretham Primary School from August 22-23. Daily from 9am-3.15pm. Suitable for ages 4-12. Call (01953) 499040.

STORYTELLER: Chip Colquhoun, from Soham, has released a new children's book called *Cambridgeshire Folk Tales for Children*.

Author takes youngsters back in time

A LOCAL author has released a new action-filled children's book.

Cambridgeshire Folk Tales for Children has been written by Chip Colquhoun, from Soham.

The fascinating book takes youngsters on journeys through time to meet the giant-slayers of Saxon times, the shapeshifters of Tudor times, women who were incredible survivors and even Victorian men who travelled on two legs faster than a steam train.

Chip co-founded Snail Tales Storytelling in 2007 and is an advisor to the board of the Society for Storytelling.

The book is available from all good book shops, priced at £9.99.

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CRIME

Rural crime up by almost 30%

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RURAL crime has rocketed by nearly a third in Cambridgeshire – but police are confident a new team will fight back against increasingly high-tech criminals.

New figures released by rural insurer NFU Mutual show a 28 per cent increase in countryside crime in the county.

The firm claims thefts from farms and rural communities now cost Cambridgeshire £1.9 million a year, with the firm also highlighting a trend towards more high-tech crimes.

James Skelton, NFU Mutual senior agent in Cambridgeshire, said: "Rural thieves are becoming increasingly sophisticated and using computers rather than bolt cutters to steal from farms and country properties.

"Farmers and police have been working hard to adopt high-tech security measures to tackle the problems, which now include cloning tractor identities, advertising non-existent machinery in agricultural publications and stealing the GPS self-steering systems, which are a key part of modern farming."

There has been a shift in the items being targeted at rural homes as well. In the latest survey of NFU Mutual's agency network, the theft of garden equipment was cited as the fastest growing trend, along with 4x4s.

The survey also revealed social media was now the main resource for sharing information about crime in rural communities and was a valuable tool – not only in the prevention of crime, but also for catching criminals and returning goods.

Earlier this year, Cambridgeshire Police reformed a specialist unit focusing on rural crime, in a bid to clamp down of a rise in countryside offences such as hare coursing and tractor theft.

A force spokesperson said: "The impact of rural crime can be devastating for local communities. In April, we re-launched the Rural Crime Action Team in response to the rising cost of rural crime and concerns from local people. The data in this report relates to a time period before the team was reformed.

"We now have a dedicated team of officers using specialist knowledge to combat rural crime in all its forms, including hare coursing and poaching, theft and heritage crime. Our goals are simple; we want to reduce rural crime and let those in the community know that we are behind them."

For more crime stories visit our website at ely-news.co.uk

ON A MISSION: The holiday club was held at Ely's Countess Free Church.

Youngsters go on a quest to Ancora

CHILDREN went on a special quest at a summer holiday club in Ely.

The club at the city's Countess Free Church transported youngsters to the mythical world of 'Ancora', where they became 'Guardians' with the task of discovering special treasure each day.

Around 70 youngsters took part in the sessions held all last week, which linked with an age appropriate downloadable app that children could use on their favourite devices, written and supplied by Scripture Union.

The 'Guardians of Ancora' app is free for anyone to download at guardiansofancora.com.

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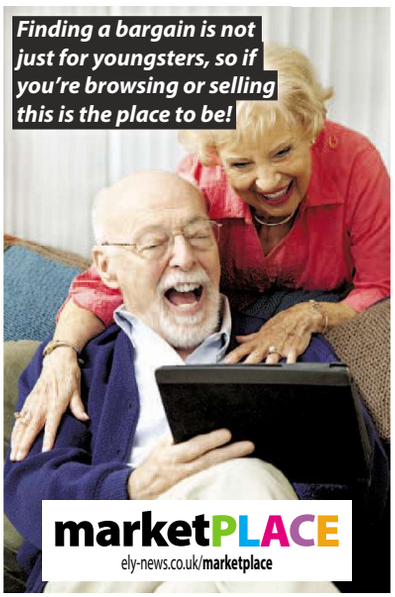
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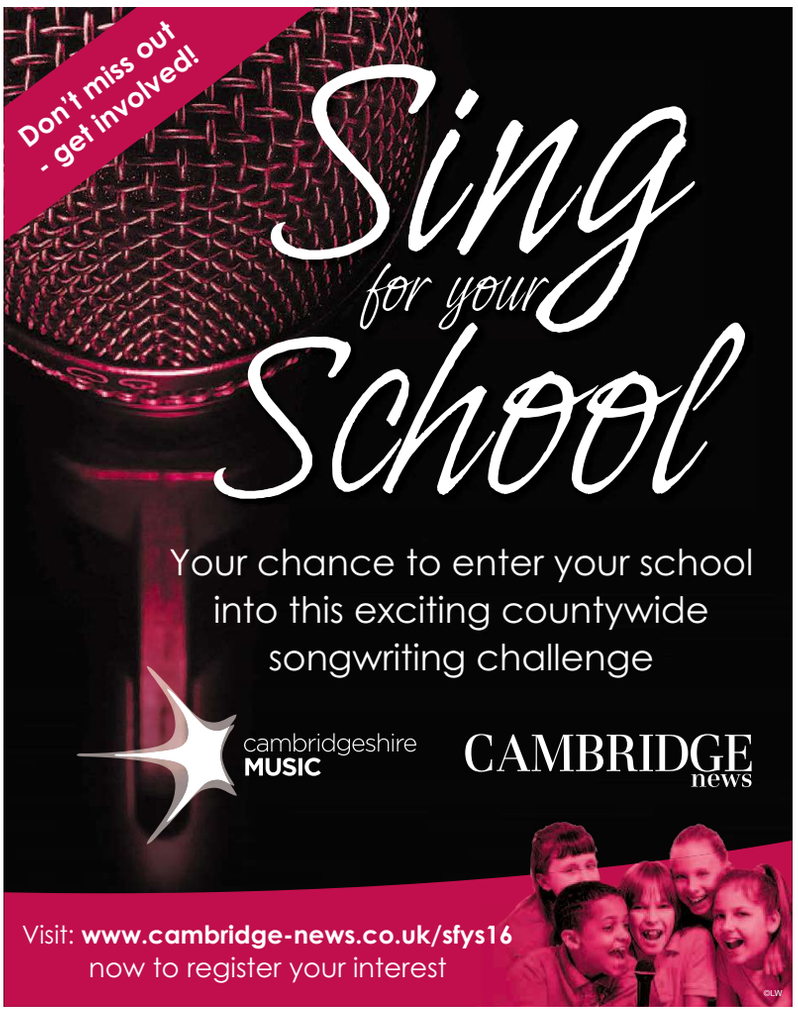

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Monday 22nd August 2016	Monday 29th August	Friday 23rd September
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Week Commencing	Please contact the Council if you have not received sacks by	Last date for claiming non-delivery of sacks
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Firm wins £50k to develop products

ROBOSCIENTIFIC: The team, from left: Ben Curtis, Stan Curtis, Dr Tim Gibson and Andrew Stacy.

A LITTLEPORT company has been awarded more than £50,000 to develop new technology to make decay and disease detection in plants and livestock more accurate.

RoboScientific Ltd is a world leading manufacturer of instruments that measure levels of odours in the air; known in the industry as volatile organic compound (VOCs) analysers.

With the funding, the firm will create prototype products that it says will have mass market appeal and be easy to use across many agricultural sectors worldwide.

The technology can identify tiny changes in any organic material caused by decay in real time, helping farmers and growers to detect signs of disease, reduce waste and enhance the quality and size of crop yields.

RoboScientific will also look to provide solutions for the retail industry, as the software will help supermarkets better monitor the freshness of their produce to both increase consumer confidence and increase efficiency.

Furthermore, the funding will enable RoboScientific to make the software more user-friendly by producing a clear yes/no result. This will allow the product to be rolled out to users of all abilities and not just to trained scientists.

The funding has been provided through the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership.

Stan Curtis, CEO of RoboScientific, said: "The funding provided by the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative will enable us to vastly reduce the development time of our instruments, alongside securing the company's long term future within Cambridgeshire.

"The benefits of real time disease detection to the agri-tech industry are demonstrable, and we look forward to working with the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership to increase efficiency within the industry, increase consumer confidence, and deliver new jobs and opportunities locally."

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Athlete wins firm praise

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This is an incredible achievement for Charlotte as she continues her impressive run following a five gold medal win at the South Africa World Championships in November.

Charlotte, who was diagnosed with Mosaic Down Syndrome, is determined for it not to limit her and has represented her country in a variety of international competitions.

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Painting the boards can make it easier to disguise new ones than with wood stain or varnish, although there may be a noticeable difference in the wood grain between old and new.

As long as the boards are in good condition, you should be able to use a wood scraper, sandpaper and a handheld electric sander to clean them off and make them smooth.

Remember to bang down any protruding nails with a nail punch and hammer – using a nail punch stops you damaging the boards with the hammer.

Boards in a worse state will need to be sanded with an industrial floor sander. Hiring a sander – and an edger for where the sander can't reach – isn't particularly expensive, but it's hot, hard and dusty work.

Afterwards, you may feel that as you've gone to all that effort, it's a shame to cover the newly sanded boards with paint.

It's important to clean the sanded boards thoroughly to get the best finish.

Vacuuming them only goes so far – wipe them over after vacuuming, ideally with methylated spirits (or turps or white spirit), to remove any remaining sanding dust.

Cleaning the boards between coats of paint may also be necessary. To clean out the gaps between the boards, run a knitting needle, butter knife or screwdriver down them.

Newer boards may contain resinous knots, which will need to be sealed with knotting solution to prevent the resin bleeding through and spoiling the paint.

Alternatively, you can use Ronseal Knot Block Wood Primer & Undercoat (from £7.98 for 250ml, B&Q), which seals the knots, primes and undercoats in one, saving you time and effort.

You 'll need to apply wood primer/undercoat to all the boards – try diluting the first coat with about 10% of white spirit so it penetrates the wood better.

After starting to paint the boards, you may find that yellow patches appear. If normal paint won't cover them, use a stain-block paint – Polycell One Coat Stain Stop aerosol (£5.50, Tesco Direct) dries much quicker than most stain blocks.

If you need to use the room again soon, a quick-drying floorboard paint – water-based ones dry fastest – is your best bet.

FLOORBOARDS: Well worth getting it right first time!

However, if you can close the door and wait some time for the floor to dry, a solvent-based paint may be more durable long term and should require fewer coats.

You 'll have to do several coats of water-based white floorboard paint, for example, to avoid a patchy finish. Water-based white paint shouldn't yellow over time, but a solvent-based white probably will.

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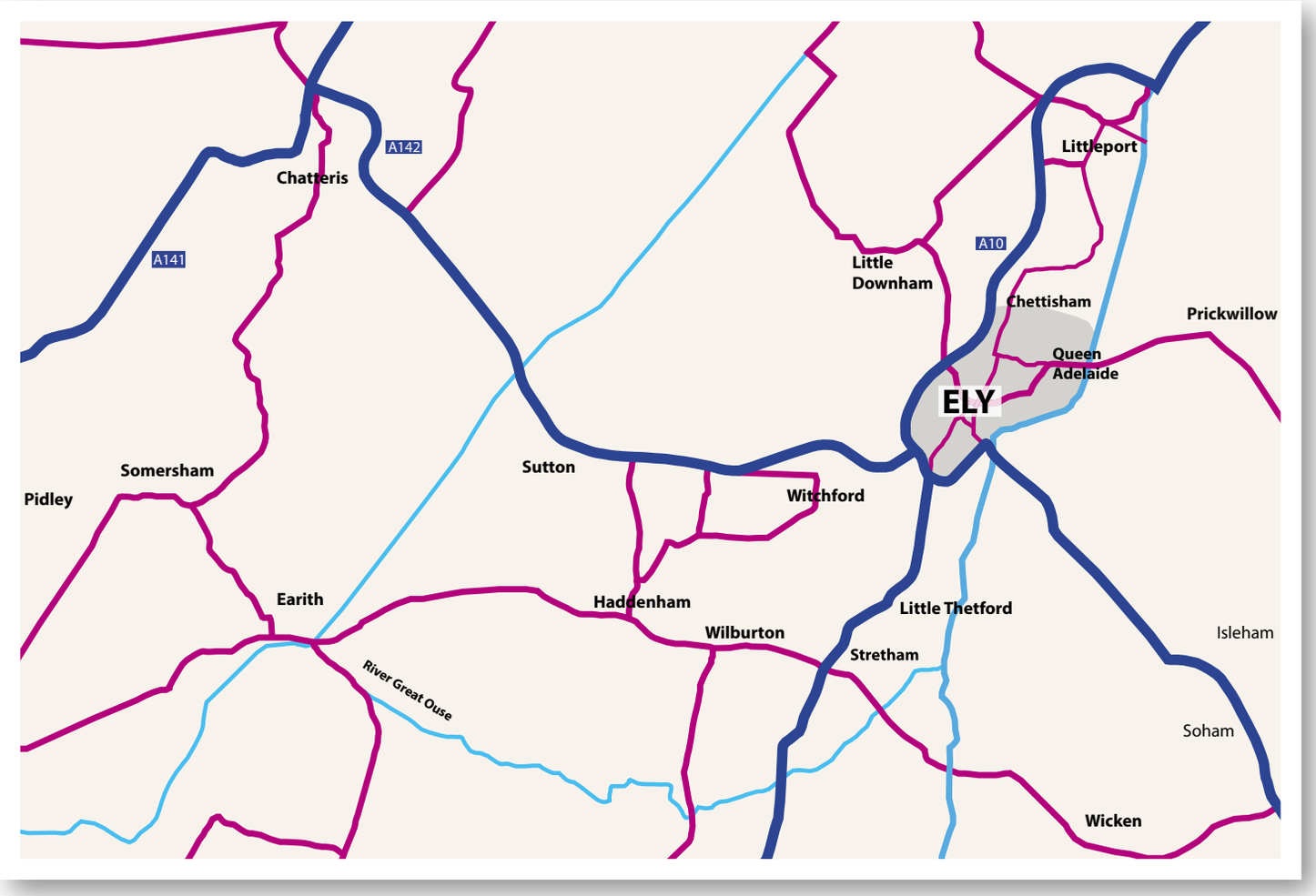

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Modern end terraced house overlooking open countryside comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Parking for two cars. EPC rating B.

Soham £215,000

Semi detached house in popular location comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and two parking spaces. EPC rating E.

Soham £172,500

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

Cover property

Fordham: £215,000

THIS Grade II listed terraced two bedroom house in Carter Street, Fordham, is on the market for £215,000.
It has accommodation comprising a lounge with feature fireplace, a kitchen/breakfast room, a utility room and a ground floor bathroom.
Upstairs there is a bedroom with ornate fireplace and a second bedroom.
Outside there is a paved garden with a wooden shed.
For further details contact Peter Michael Estate Agents on (01353) 725400.

Feature homes

Haddenham: £565,000

BUMBLE Cottage is a substantial four bedroom semi-detached house in Aldreth Road, Haddenham, that is on the market for £565,000. Cleverly extended, it has generous living accommodation including a lounge with feature fireplace, a study with fireplace, a rear lobby, a ground floor bathroom, a utility room, a family room/conservatory with French doors to the rear garden, a kitchen/breakfast room, a dining room, and a sitting room.

The master bedroom has French doors opening on to a Juliet balcony, a walk-through dressing area and an en suite bathroom, and there are three more bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside there is a gravelled driveway with off-street parking and a rear garden with lawn, timber studio, workshop, decking, fruit trees and a small fenced paddock.

Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

Feature homes

Littleport: £300,000

THIS well-presented modern four bedroom detached family home in Chamberlain Fields, Littleport, is on the market for £300,000.
It has an entrance hall, a downstairs cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen/breakfast room with utility area, a master bedroom with en suite, three more bedrooms and a family bathroom.
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Wicken — Guide Price £565,000

A highly individual architect designed property of approx 2,500 sq ft in a plot of approx 0.7 of an acre (sts) with paddock and stable block, close to the centre of the village benefitting from stunning countryside views with access onto a quiet lane to the rear giving easy access for riding out. Further 1.5 acres (sts) of paddocks available separately. No upward chain. EPR D.

Haddenham — £565,000

A substantial family home which has been cleverly extended to provide extensive living accommodation with a wealth of character and situated in a superb plot of approximately 0.8 of an acre (STS) including a paddock and benefitting from delightful country views. Situated close to the centre of the village. EPR G.

NEW

Ely — £455,000

A superbly presented detached family home situated on a highly regarded development. Spacious accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, study, 4 beds (1 with ensuite), bathroom, with well maintained garden, double garage, gas central heating, double glazing. EPR D.

NEW SALE AGREED

Witchford

A well presented detached home which has been updated by the current owners and situated on a corner plot within a highly regarded development convenient for schools. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), bathroom, front and rear gardens, double garage, gas central heating. EPR D.

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Littleport

A superbly presented and spacious semi detached property situated within a popular development. Accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/ dining room, 3 bedrooms (one ensuite), family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing and viewing is recommended. EPR C.

Sutton £239,950

A well presented and spacious corner terraced home comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, modern kitchen/dining room, spacious lounge, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite) and bathroom together with south facing rear garden and garage with larger than average parking area and additional piece of garden. Viewing is highly recommended. EPR C.

Ely £239,950

A stylishly extended and immaculately presented modern home situated within a highly regarded location and comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge opening into dining room, 2 double bedrooms and bathroom together with slightly larger than average sized rear garden, parking and garage. The property has the benefit of gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. EPR TBC.

Ely £265,000

A modern terraced home situated within a highly regarded location and offered for sale with no upward chain. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (one ensuite), bathroom, gardens, garage and parking. EPR TBC.

Chettisham £295,000

Character semi detached cottage set in the popular hamlet of Chettisham just outside of Ely. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, open plan kitchen / dining room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom together with spacious driveway, front and rear gardens and countryside views. Viewing is highly recommended. EPR E.

Wicken £455,000

A substantial detached home in the centre of this highly regarded village overlooking paddocks to the rear. Hall, cloakroom, 3 receptions, kitchen, utility, 5 double bedrooms (master with dressing area and ensuite), bathroom, gardens, driveway and double garage. Situated close to the popular Wicken Fen nature reserve. No upward chain. EPR C.

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Ely £189,950

Modern 2 bedroom house situated on a popular development. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, open plan lounge / kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. EPR B.

Ely £192,000

A well presented 2 bedroom linked house forming part of a well regarded development in this sought after village. The accommodation includes cloakroom, sitting/ dining room, a modern kitchen and 2 double bedrooms. The property also includes a double length car port and south facing rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPR D.

Soham £199,950

A well presented semi detached property set on a generous corner plot with accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with a single garage, driveway and gardens. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. Ideal first time purchase. EPR TBC.

Ely £274,950

A modern semi detached property situated on a good size corner plot and offered for sale with no upward chain. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with front, side and rear gardens, driveway, garage and gas central heating. Popular location providing easy access to both the City Centre and A10. EPR C.

Witchford £300,000

A modern detached family home situated on a highly regarded development. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility. family room/bedroom 4, shower room, 3 1st floor beds (master with ensuite), bathroom, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR B.

Stretham £315,000

An extended detached bungalow offered for sale in excellent decorative condition with no upward chain. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, refitted kitchen, lounge opening into sitting room, 3 double bedrooms and modern bathroom, rear garden, extensive driveway and single garage. EPR E

Stretham £450,000

A highly individual architect designed home situated in grounds of approximately one acre (STS). Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, kitchen / breakfast room, lounge with separate dining area, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), mezzanine room, garage, carport, parking and gardens. EPR F.

Pymoor £550,000

Spacious 3 bed detached bungalow set in approximately 4 acres (sts) including barns, yard and land. The property is ideally suited for those with an equestrian interest or looking to run a small holding, haulage or storage facility (subject to obtaining any necessary consents). Additional land available by separate negotiation. EPR D.

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Littleport £650 pcm

Mid terrace house. Accommodation comprises: Entrance hall, kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and bathroom. Gas central heating, double glazing, garden and two parking spaces. EPC: C.

Ely £725 pcm

Modern terraced house. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, living room, kitchen with cooker and access to garden, two bedrooms and a fitted bathroom with shower over the bath. The property has gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. EPC rating D.

Ely £950 pcm

Detached family home situated in cul de sac location. Accomodation comprises: Entrance hall, wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, 2 further bedrooms, family bathroom. Gas central heating, double glazing. Garden, double garage, and dirveway. EPC Band: D

Ely £950 pcm

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- Sun room
- 3 bedrooms
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Littleport £265,000

- A modern detached home
- 'L'-shape lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Enclosed gardens and an adjacent garage
- EPC Band C

Littleport £245,000

- A charming detached cottage
- 2 Interconnecting double bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Separate dining room
- Study/garden room
- Pleasant enclosed garden area
- EPC Band D

Stuntney £540,000

- Modern individual detached home
- Non-estate position
- Fitted kitchen/ breakfast room
- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Good size Rear garden
- Views over farmland
- Driveway and Double Garage
- EPC Rating D

Little Thetford £257,950

- Detached family home
- Popular development
- Workshop in garden
- 3 Bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC Band D

Ely £315,000

- Modern semi townhouse
- Popular location
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining room /4th bedroom
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- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating C

Ely £384,950

- Old style terraced home
- Recently renovated/ refurbished
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- Courtyard garden
- Excellent city center location
- EPC tba

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Ely £475,000

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Key dates at cathedral

THERE are plenty of concerts and organ recitals to look forward to at Ely Cathedral this week and next.

On Friday, August 12, the Priory Singers, from Belfast, are hosting a lunchtime concert in the Lady Chapel at 1.10pm.

On Sunday, August 14, Paul Trepte, who is director of music at the cathedral, is then hosting an organ recital.

It starts at 5.10pm and the programme will include Introduction and Passacaglia in D minor Reger, Psalm prelude set 2 no. 1: "De Profundis" Howells, and Chant de paix Langlais.

On Thursday, August 18, the Louisiana State University A Cappella Choir will then be performing in the Lady Chapel at 1.10pm.

The concert is part of the choir's seventh European tour by invitation of the Association of British Choral Directors for performances at the ABCD's 31st Annual Convention in Winchester.

On Sunday, August 21, it is organist Sarah Macdonald's turn to perform.

Her recital is at 5.15pm and expect Buxtehude – Praeludium in C BuxWV 137, Whitlock – Fantasy Chorale No 2 in F Sharp Minor, and J.S. Bach – Prelude and Fugue in D major BWV 532.

The price of all the events is by usual cathedral admission. Call (01353) 660349 or visit elycathedral.org to find out more.

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ROUND UP

● VT11 are gigging at The Crown Inn in Littleport on Saturday, August 13.
The music starts at 9pm.
On Sunday, August 14, the Goodges Acoustic Circus will be performing, from 3pm. Call (01353) 862700.

FENLAND Jam are performing in Ely on Saturday, August 13. Their concert is at the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens from 2-4pm as part of ADeC's Saturday summer afternoon concerts, which are free.

GO Johnny Go are coming to The Brook in Soham on Saturday, August 13.
Expect music by Elvis, Buddy Holly, Cliff Richard and more. The show starts at 8pm and tickets are £5 either in advance or on the door.
Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

STUART Burr is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, August 13.
Doors open at 7pm. Call (01353) 688269.

JOHN Barry – tribute to Johnny Cash and the Stars of Nashville – is performing at the Plough and Harrow in Littleport on Saturday, August 13.
The fun kicks off at 9pm. Call (01353) 864799.

1955 American film, *Rebel Without A Cause*, is being screened in Ely on Monday, August 15.
The Ely Film Society screening is at the Old Palace at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Call (01353) 668639 or visit elyfilmsociety.com.

ELY Brass Band are hosting an outdoor concert at Witcham Village Hall on Tuesday, August 16.
It starts at 7pm and admission is free. There will also be a bar, hotdogs and a raffle.

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Celebratory concert

Ely Rotary Club Big Band Night at Ely College on September 10 at 7.30pm. Tickets £16 from Burrows Bookshop or Wade's Opticians.

TWO well-respected local bands are joining each other on stage in Ely next month for a concert to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday year.

The concert – believed to be the first of its kind for the city – has been organised by Ely Rotary Club.

It will see the Opus 17 Big Band and the Barry Tyler Original Dixieland Jazz Band performing at Ely College on Saturday, September 10.

A spokesman for the Rotary Club said: "The evening promises to be another unique opportunity for music lovers of both types of music to enjoy an unending round of pleasure and excitement.

"The Opus 17 Big Band will be playing the great nostalgic music of Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Ted Heath and more, while the exciting sounds of pure traditional jazz and hits from Kenny Ball and the like will be enacted by the Barry Tyler Original Dixieland Jazz Band.

"Both bands were presented by Ely Rotary for very successful concerts last year."

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £16 each from Burrows Bookshop or Wade's Opticians, both in Ely.

Alternatively, email elyrotary@ericgrant185.plus.net.

SOHAM BEER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Chance to raise your glasses at annual charity festival

SOHAM'S annual charity beer and music festival is just around the corner!

This year's extravaganza is being held at the recreation ground, in Fountain Lane, on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20.

As ever, the family-friendly festival is being organised by Soham Staploe Rotary Club and Blue Shed Studios.

The festival is open from 5pm-10.30pm on Friday and 1pm-10.30pm on Saturday.

On the Friday, expect live music from Finding Ana, Barstool Angels, Kickin' Up Dust, Sugar-Beats and Freefall.

On the Saturday, there will be music from Black Rose, Blue Bloods, The Lost Hobos, Wasteland Angels, Rob Elgar, The Machine Shed Band, Anna, Michael Antony, Monterey Ghost, Akimbo and Summerland.

As far as drinks are concerned, there will be a large variety of real ales, ciders and wines, as well as soft drinks and a feast of food.

This year's festival is raising funds for the local Scouts and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

To find out more, search for the festival on Facebook.

Soham Charity Beer and Music Festival at the recreation ground on August 19 and 20.
Open 5pm-10.30pm on Friday and 1pm-10.30pm on Saturday.

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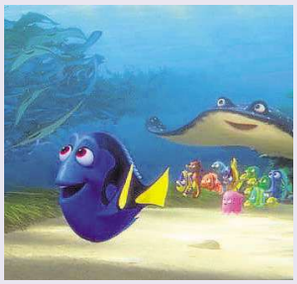

FINDING DORY (U)
DORY (Ellen DeGeneres) is the next-shell neighbour of Marlin (Albert Brooks) and his young son, Nemo (Hayden Rolence) on the Great Barrier Reef.

During a field trip to witness the stingray migration, the loveable blue tang experiences a rush of fragmented memories of her parents Charlie (Eugene Levy) and Jenny (Diane Keaton). "I miss 'em", Dory tells Marlin, and the plucky fishes embark on an epic quest to California to reunite the forgetful daughter with her loved ones.

Initially, the travellers ride strong currents with sea turtle Crush (Andrew Stanton) and his bodacious brethren, but when they eventually arrive at the Marine Life Institute, Dory is separated from her pals.

She languishes in quarantine with a grouchy septopus called Hank (Ed O'Neill), who possesses remarkable powers of camouflage. Meanwhile, Marlin and Nemo abide by Dory's mantra – "Just keeping swimming" – and enlist help from wise-cracking sea lions Fluke (Idris Elba) and Rudder (Dominic West), near-sighted whale shark Destiny (Kaitlin Olson) and a beluga whale called Bailey (Ty Burrell), who has lost his echo location as the result of a concussion.

Finding Dory is the emotional and comical equal of its predecessor, dazzling the senses with stunningly realistic visuals and Thomas Newman's buoyant orchestral score. ★★★★

JASON BOURNE (12A)
JASON Bourne (Matt Damon) believes he knows how the US government moulded him into a trained killer as part of Operation Treadstone. He is living off the grid on the Greek-Albanian border and posing as a bare-knuckle brawler.

Far away in Iceland, former contact Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles) illegally accesses the CIA mainframe to download confidential files about Bourne's former life as David Webb. She discovers a shocking secret and resolves to share the data with the elusive operative.

"We've just been hacked. Could be worse than Snowden," agent Craig Jeffers (Ato Essandoh) informs his boss, CIA director Robert Dewey (Tommy Lee Jones), once the breach is detected.

Ambitious protegee Heather Lee (Alicia Vikander) plants malware that allows her to covertly track Nicky's movements. "I will deliver Parsons, the files and – if he's out there – I will give you Bourne too," Heather promises Dewey. She dispatches a hit man, codename Asset (Vincent Cassel), to neutralise the targets.

Meanwhile, Dewey locks horns with technology guru Aaron Kalloor (Riz Ahmed) about invasions of privacy which allow the US government to spy on citizens.

Jason Bourne is a deceptive slow burn for the opening half hour, but once the script lights the fuse on manifold deceptions, there's little time to breathe between plot revelations and bloodthirsty retribution. ★★★★

THE BFG (PG)
THE heroine is a precocious orphan called Sophie (Ruby Barnhill), who is snatched from her bed at the witching hour by a hooded 24-feet tall figure.

The behemoth spirits the girl over verdant valleys and crashing seas to the rolling landscapes of Giant Country. "No such place!" Sophie defiantly informs her host, who introduces himself as the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance). The BFG wouldn't normally kidnap a chiddler, but he explains that he was fearful Sophie might cause a great rumpledumpus by yodelling the news that she had seen a giant.

A tender and deeply touching friendship is forged between Sophie and her kind-hearted abductor, who exists on a diet of disgusterous snozzcumbers and is bullied by filthsome fellow giants including Fleshlumpeater (Jemaine Clement), Bloodbottler (Bill Hader), Maidmasher (Olafur Darri Olafsson) and Manhugger (Adam Godley).

In order to rid Giant Country of these man-gobblers, Sophie hatches a harebrained scheme to visit The Queen (Penelope Wilton) at Buckingham Palace. The BFG joins her on this madcap quest, and his presence smacks the gobs of the assembled staff including the Queen's dutiful maid Mary (Rebecca Hall) and head butler Mr Tibbs (Rafe Spall).

Directed with verve by Steven Spielberg, *The BFG* is a visually arresting ride that gently tugs heartstrings in between rollicking set pieces. ★★★★

STAR TREK BEYOND (12A)
CAPTAIN James T Kirk (Chris Pine) is considering relinquishing the bridge because "things have started to feel a little... episodic".

He keeps his plans secret from the rest of the crew including human-Vulcan science officer Spock (Zachary Quinto), communications officer Uhura (Zoe Saldana), navigator Pavel Chekov (Anton Yelchin), chief engineer Montgomery Scott (Simon Pegg) and helmsman Sulu (John Cho).

During a visit to a Federation starbase under the control of Commodore Paris (Shohreh Aghdashloo), an alien called Kalara (Lydia Wilson) issues a distress call to help recover her ship, which has crash-landed on a planet in a distant nebula. Kirk and the team respond and subsequently come under attack from an otherworldly despot called Krall (Idris Elba) and his swarming drones.

While the Enterprise crew forges an alliance with feisty alien warrior Jaylah (Sofia Boutella), Kirk holds firm to his moral compass, defiantly informing Krall that it's "better to die saving lives than to live taking them".

Star Trek Beyond dodges the curse of misfiring odd-numbered films in the series, but the flaws are obvious. Pine, Quinto and co are solid in roles that lack dramatic meat and don't progress the characters over two hours, and a flimsy, contrived plot resolves potential conflict with minimum blood, sweat and tears. ★★★

ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE (U)
THE film opens with Scrat inadvertently propelling a giant space rock towards the third rock from the sun. Back on terra firma, Manny the woolly mammoth (Ray Romano) has forgotten about his wedding anniversary and pretends fireworks in the sky – actually meteorite chunks entering the atmosphere – are a surprise for his wife Ellie (Queen Latifah).

Wonderment turns to terror as molten missiles career into the earth. "Manny's love is killing us!" screams one of the critters as everyone gallop into caves, cowering together for shelter.

Once the deluge subsides, Manny and his pals Diego the sabre-toothed tiger (Denis Leary) and Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo) emerge to survey the devastation.

One-eyed daredevil weasel Buck (Simon Pegg) discovers ancient runes that confirm a giant meteorite is heading for the planet. The animals, including Diego's tigress sweetheart Shira (Jennifer Lopez), Sid's 80-year-old grandmother (Wanda Sykes), Manny's spunky daughter Peaches (Keke Palmer) and her laidback boyfriend Julian (Adam DeVine), embark on a madcap quest to avert disaster.

Meanwhile, a family of carnivorous flying dinosaurs, comprising father Gavin (Nick Offerman) and children Gertie (Stephanie Beatriz) and Roger (Max Greenfield), tracks the exodus from the air.

Ice Age: Collision Course relies on old tensions between friends and family members to provide the fifth film with a burp of dramatic momentum that quickly dissipates. ★★

GHOSTBUSTERS (12A)
ERIN Gilbert (Kristen Wiig) hopes to secure tenure at Columbia University, but her academic future is thrown into disarray when childhood friend Abby Yates (Melissa McCarthy) peddles copies of their long-forgotten 400-page tome, *Ghosts From The Past: Both Literally & Figuratively*.

The two women are reunited in the lab where Erin conducts experiments with her madcap protegee, nuclear engineer Jillian Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon). A haunting at Aldridge Mansion gives the trio their first glimpse of the fight ahead, and soon after, ballsy subway worker Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones) joins the team, blessed with an encyclopaedic knowledge of Manhattan's grim history.

It transpires that a demented misfit called Rowan North (Neil Casey) is summoning ghosts to create a vortex between the living and the dead. Armed with proton backpacks, the gang gallantly races into the fray, risking ridicule from the media and Mayor Bradley (Andy Garcia). When disaster looms, Erin pleads with Bradley to evacuate the city.

Ghostbusters affectionately harks back to the series' glory days before the creative misstep of the 1989 sequel. McCarthy and Wiig rekindle their *Bridemaids* on-screen chemistry, with colourful turns from McKinnon and Jones, and merciless self-mockery from Hemsworth. ★★★

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS (U)
KATIE (voiced by Ellie Kemper) lives in her Manhattan apartment with a mischievous terrier named Max (Louis CK). He is good friends with other domesticated animals and birds including a pampered Eskimo dog named Gidget (Jenny Slate), who is head over fluffy tail in love with Max.

Max's bond with Katie is threatened when his owner brings home a lolloping mongrel named Duke (Eric Stonestreet), who she has saved from the pound.

Intense rivalry spills out on to the city streets where Max and Duke fall foul of a sphynx cat called Ozone (Steve Coogan) and are mistaken for strays by animal control officers.

The Secret Life Of Pets is the brainchild of the makers of *Despicable Me* and *Minions*, and retains a similar visual style and family-friendly sense of humour. ★★★

THE LEGEND OF TARZAN (12A)
IT has been many years since Tarzan (Alexander Skarsgard) left behind the jungles of Africa to settle into gentrified life as John Clayton III, Lord Greystoke, with his beloved wife, Jane (Margot Robbie).

The lush paradise of the Congo is a sweet, distant memory until the British Prime Minister (Jim Broadbent) passes on an invitation from King Leopold II of Belgium to visit the Congo as a trade emissary of Parliament.

John initially refuses, but gun-slinging American envoy George Washington Williams (Samuel L Jackson) persuades the Greystoke heir to go in order to investigate rumours that Leopold has enslaved local tribes to build his railroad.

John, Jane and George depart for the Congo, unaware that they are pawns in a deadly game masterminded by Machiavellian Belgian envoy, Captain Leon Rom (Christoph Waltz), who has agreed to deliver Tarzan to Chief Mbonga (Djimon Hounsou) in exchange for the legendary diamonds of Opar.

A stand-off ensues and Jane is captured as tantalising bait. Faced with the prospect of losing his soulmate, John gathers together his animal friends and unleashes the primal warrior of the past. ★★★

Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje as Killer Croc and Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn. Picture: PA Photo/ Warner Brothers

Film pick

SUICIDE SQUAD (15)
IT'S good to be bad – unspeakably bad – in David Ayer's action-packed fantasy based on the anarchic DC Comics anti-heroes of the same name, which is poised to smash box office records on the other side of the Atlantic.

Scheming US government agent Amanda Waller (Viola Davis) hatches a diabolical scheme to round up some of the most dangerous incarcerated criminals in the world and use them to carry out covert missions with a limited chance of success.

Misfit members of Task Force X – or the Suicide Squad as it becomes known – will be kept in check with micro-bombs implanted in their necks. Anyone who defies authority or strays from the mission brief will be swiftly terminated.

By completing their tasks, the group members can reduce their sentences.

The squad thrives on violence and bloodshed and they rise to the challenge of unravelling a terrifying mystery centred on a possessed archaeologist called June Moone (Cara Delevingne), whose burgeoning powers threaten to reduce Gotham to rubble.

Meanwhile, battle rages on the city streets between masked vigilante Batman (Ben Affleck) and demented supervillain The Joker (Jared Leto), who conducts his reign of terror flanked by trusty henchmen Jonny Frost (Jim Parrack) and Monster T (Common). ★★★

OPENING THIS WEEK

■ *Mike and Dave need Wedding Dates* (15)
Brothers in need are a danger to themselves in Jake Szymanski's foul-mouthed and raucous comedy. Jeanie Stangle (Sugar Lyn Beard) wants her impending nuptials to her sweetheart Eric (Sam Richardson) to be the happiest day of her life, but she is concerned that her knucklehead brothers Mike (Adam DeVine) and Dave (Zac Efron) will ruin the big day with their drunken antics. In order to maintain calm, Mike and Dave's parents Burt (Stephen Root) and Rosie (Stephanie Faracy) insist that the siblings attend the wedding in Hawaii with respectable girls on their arms. Mike and Dave decide to advertise for dates and get more than they bargained for.

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Why Roy's at the top of

Mark Taylor meets a Paralympic star with a bright future.

England blind footballer Roy Turnham; during the England Blind Squad Funding Announcement at St George's Park
Pictures: David Johnson and Jan Kruger – The FA/The FA via Getty Images

THE art of dribbling in football has transfixed sports fans for generations.

Sir Stanley Matthews, George Best, Diego Maradona, Ryan Giggs and most recently Lionel Messi have mesmerised even the most casual of observers as they create magic with the ball at their feet.

When the very best get in full flow they have the capacity to almost float towards and past opponents, leaving them rooted to the turf as a consequence of the spell they have just cast.

It is a finesse that can have a hypnotic charm – the brilliance of which almost seems to come from a tactile relationship with the ball.

In its very essence it is a natural connection, a feel and instinct that is honed, and it is a skill that has been mastered by Roy Turnham.

He has the glide and weave and two-footed control at enthralling speed down to a fine art.

Examples of his ability can be found on his Twitter feed – *@RoyTurnhamMusic* – or by searching his name in Google and hitting the video button.

But do not let his Twitter handle mislead you, for while Roy may be a talented musician – a suggestion which is met by the response "how do you know, you haven't heard me play" – he is also a member of the England blind football team.

And in those internet clips, Roy, who was born blind with a genetic condition inherited from his mother, demonstrates the same skills as some of the more illustrious aforementioned players.

"The main thing with us is because we have so much else to focus on, actually when I'm dribbling a football, when I've got it close to my feet, I'm not listening for where the ball is, I'm only listening for the ball when it's not in my possession," said Roy.

"I'm relying on my touch, so the important thing is to get lots of little touches so that you're always in contact and always knowing where the ball is.

"If somebody closes you down very quickly, you're in a good enough position to be able to manipulate that ball into the space because it's close to your feet.

"The best players in the world do that, they keep the ball very close. It's really quick feet, really quick movement.

"In training, quite often, I will get a standard football with no sound in (footballs in blind football have ball bearings in casings inside) and dribble with it, and I can dribble it comfortably. Obviously, if it goes out of my possession and rolls away I can't find it!

"But if I keep it close at my feet I can do all the same things that I would do with a ball with a sound in it because I'm training to use my hearing to focus on everything else that's going on around me."

Roy is a quietly-spoken Liverpudlian who moved to Cambridge last year after his girlfriend took up a job with Public Health England.

When we met, he had just finished a tennis session with Vision4Growth at Hills Road Sports Centre, a further sign of the sporting skill-set of the 31-year-old.

You see, Roy may now be representing England on the football pitch, but during his teenage years and into his 20s, he had a very different sporting passion.

And that all stems from his upbringing.

"Fortunately for me, I've never had my access to sporting opportunities denied or limited," said Roy, whose brother and sister are also blind, with sister Lora a cyclist with Team GB.

"My family were incredibly supportive when I was growing up. I learned to kick a football, hold a cricket bat when I was 4 years old, the same sort of age as a sighted kid would learn to start playing sport.

"Despite going through mainstream education, so just school mixed with kids with full sight, as long as I had adaptions put in place, like playing football with a ball with a sound in it, or whatever ball sport, I was able to participate with everybody else.

"My parents were always very keen to make sure that nobody would be putting unnecessary barriers in my way. I've been very, very fortunate."

Roy also uses the phrase "lucky enough to have the choice" when it comes to choosing his sport, but choice is about ability, not luck.

During his younger years, he was on a development contract with UK Athletics as a middle-distance and cross-country runner.

He took part at junior international level, but was forced to reconsider his sporting options as the Beijing Paralympics approached, when he was 21.

After continuously breaking down in training, he was diagnosed to have fallen arches in his feet – hypermobility – and required surgery, but after being funded for surgery and rehab, his contract was terminated.

Roy sought to enjoy playing sport again, and it was around the same time that a national blind football league had been set up, so he started training with Everton and fell back in love with football.

During his first season at Everton, Roy got word that the England coaches were interested in him and he got invited to training camps as the selectors were putting together a provisional squad for the 2012 Paralympics.

He went on to represent Team GB in the five-a-side football at the London Paralympics, although by that time he had joined Leicester as Everton were no longer able to fund a team in the league.

But with only eight teams taking part in the Paralympics in Rio this year, GB were unable to make it through the difficult qualification process.

It was while training with England that Roy put the finishing touches to his game, with expert coaching needed, especially for game-specific details.

And among the key attributes required for blind football is communication.

The goalkeepers are fully sighted, but cannot leave their 5m by 2m area, and they are only allowed to talk to players in the defensive third of the pitch.

A coach on the side of the pitch is allowed to give information to players in the middle third of the pitch, and then there is a guide behind the opposition's goal, who is allowed to provide communication in the attacking third of the pitch.

"So the way the communication works is structured, and that stops too much of an overlap because if you've got too many voices shouting at once it just becomes chaos," said Roy.

Spatial awareness is also crucial, and the boards down each side of the pitch give an echo location so players can judge where they are by sensing those solid boards.

And asked whether general football can learn lessons from the skills required in visually impaired football, Roy certainly believes so.

"Hopefully, one day I'll have children of my own, and whether they were blind or sighted,

his game

I would be encouraging them to play futsal as children, if they were interested in playing football," said Roy.

"You know when you see the Brazilians and Spanish players who have this fantastic technique and the ability to operate in such tight spaces, they play a lot of futsal when they are growing up but they also transfer those techniques that they learn from playing the small-sided game into their 11-a-side play as well.

"It's starting to become more popular now, futsal, but when I was growing up I hadn't really heard of it.

"I've done blind football workshops with sighted people and I always say I hope that if you're footballers yourself then there might be some things that you learn through doing this that you can apply to your own football.

"And communication is definitely one of those key points. They say it's something that they don't always think about."

Having talked all things sport with Roy, it was time to turn the conversation back to that Twitter handle, and music.

"Before I got involved in athletics, music was definitely my first priority, it was my first love," he said. "I didn't realise that I was any good at sport, I just did it purely for fun."

He played clarinet and was in the Liverpool Youth Orchestra, and spent his teenage years playing drums in bands and singing.

And since moving to Cambridge, Roy has joined a blues band in which he plays drums and sings.

"We rehearse fairly regularly," he added. "It's great to have that hobby that I just purely do for enjoyment."

On that note, with Pudsey his guide dog just starting to snore during a long sleep, it was almost time to wrap up the interview.

Maybe Pudsey was grateful for the much-deserved break, as Roy seems to have a hectic diary.

Having been centrally contracted and full-time with England for more than two-and-a-half years, he has also set up a multi-sport club in Liverpool.

And he is a 'Sportivator' for the Sport for Schools scheme, which is aimed at GB athletes running fitness circuits and inspiring youngsters, and on his profile page his motto is 'if your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough'.

So it seems fitting to ask Roy where his drive and inspiration comes from?

"One of the things that has really helped me is that my access to sport was never limited," he said.

"Everything I chose to do, I was never denied the opportunity to do it.

"My parents don't mind what I do, as long as I'm busy.

"It's not the disability that makes you disabled, it's the people around you if they don't give you the support.

"If you never have that 'you can't do this because you're blind', you bring in the rules that make things accessible for you."

He added: "It's accepting the things you can't do and then making the most of the things you can."

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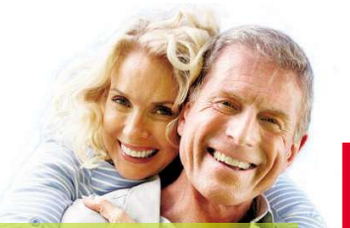

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male seeking

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Kia celebrates 25 years in UK with 14 new cars

FROM white wall tyres and £1 deposits to an industry leading seven year warranty and numerous design awards, Kia is celebrating 25 years in the UK.

The brand first started trading here in 1991, selling just under 1,800 cars in the UK in that year – a figure that it now sells on average every two weeks across its 188 strong dealer network.

Starting with just one model on sale in 1991 – the Kia Pride – the Kia range now covers nine segments with 12 cars on offer and with three engine types available in the UK – petrol, diesel and electric – this is soon to be expanded with the all-new petrol hybrid Niro going on sale in August.

With UK sales totalling 763,500 from 1991 to today, 44 per cent of the total has been in the last five years, highlighting the dramatic growth that the brand has seen in recent years. Consumers have been attracted to the brand for its styling, quality and reliability as well as that industry-topping seven year warranty.

Commenting on Kia's 25th UK anniversary, Paul Philpott, President and CEO, Kia Motors (UK) Ltd, said: "Kia has been on quite a journey in recent years. Within Kia's time in the UK we have grown from a relatively small importer to challenging the best and most established brands in the industry.

"We have a fantastic, ever growing, range of cars and in 2016 and 2017 we will launch fourteen new and face-lifted cars. Kia are certainly not resting on its laurels for the next 25 years as we expand our sales and dealer network in the UK."

NEW KIA PICANTO: Part of a massive launch schedule from the Korean car maker

The Picanto – Pride's replacement – was the first car in the A-segment to offer a five-door model, launching a successful and quirky animated advert asking consumers to 'Think about it', something that consumers have taken to heart – the Picanto is the biggest selling Kia in the UK since its introduction in 2004 with over 156,000 sold to date.

The Sportage – now in its fourth generation has sold close to 140,000 and is Kia's second best-selling model with 16,000 of those being sold since the new model launch in February.

Although it has been in the UK for just 25 years Kia is still a company of firsts – from the five-door Picanto, through to dancing hamsters advertising for the Soul as well as being the first manufacturer to utilise the independent review company Reevoo so that customer can give unedited, uncensored feedback about its models and its dealerships – with over 20,000 reviews, 97 per cent of customers would chose Kia again.

Kia Motors Corporation is considerably older than its UK subsidiary being established in 1944. With its origins of manufacturing bicycles in South Korea, Kia has grown to be part of the fifth largest automotive group in the world and is present in more than 170 countries.

HAPPY: Kia boss Paul Philpott

Kia's double triumph at Car Dealer awards

KIA has won two prestigious awards at the *Car Dealer* Power 2016 Awards at a ceremony held at Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. In their seventh year the awards are run by *Car Dealer* magazine and the votes are cast solely by the 4,500 franchised dealers who read *Car Dealer* magazine.

Paul Philpott, CEO and President of Kia Motors UK said of the two wins: "These awards are a true reflection for us of what our dealers really think of the brand and highlight how happy they are with the way the brand is developing.

"Winning the 'Manufacturer of the Year' award for the second time clearly demonstrates the strong partnership we have with our dealers and shows that they are confident and committed to Kia."

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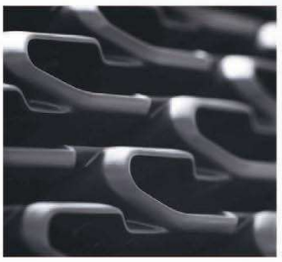

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Wheels

Buyers 'fret about diesel'

RESEARCHING OPTIONS: Diesel sales have suffered as owners fret about possible future legislation changes

CAR buyers are turning their backs on diesel powered cars in favour of petrol models according to new research by Whatcar.com.

The changing mood among buyers is reflected in the latest *What Car?* Intelligence survey results, which indicate that more than seven in 10 would be likely or very likely to choose a petrol car, compared with the four in 10 who would consider buying a diesel.

With engine performance and good fuel consumption being rated as the two most important factors for car buyers, the shift from diesel to petrol is more about running costs than concerns about the environment, following the diesel emissions scandal last year.

In recent years, diesel car sales have matched or exceeded petrol sales; in 2014 and 2015, diesel models represented 50.1 per cent and 48.5 per cent market share respectively.

More than 84 per cent of car buyers surveyed are also worried about possible legislation changes that may affect the cost of ownership of diesel cars in the future, such as the retail price, fuel duty and vehicle road tax.

The research also shows hybrids and electric cars are even less tempting for prospective car buyers, with between 12 per cent and 32 per cent of buyers considering diesel or petrol hybrid vehicles; more than 48 per cent of buyers would be very unlikely to consider an electric car, backing up the fact buyers are less concerned about being green.

What Car? editor, Steve Huntingford, said: "There appears to have been a dramatic shift in the petrol and diesel sales seesaw. In the 2000s, legislation changes resulted in a diesel boom but after last year's revelations and the emergence of extremely efficient downsized petrol engines, the tide has now turned.

"Buyers appear not to be overly concerned about environmental factors. Car buying is usually determined by the financial aspects of the purchase; if buyers fear a diesel crackdown and petrol engines are cheaper to buy while being almost as efficient, it's easy to understand the changes taking place."

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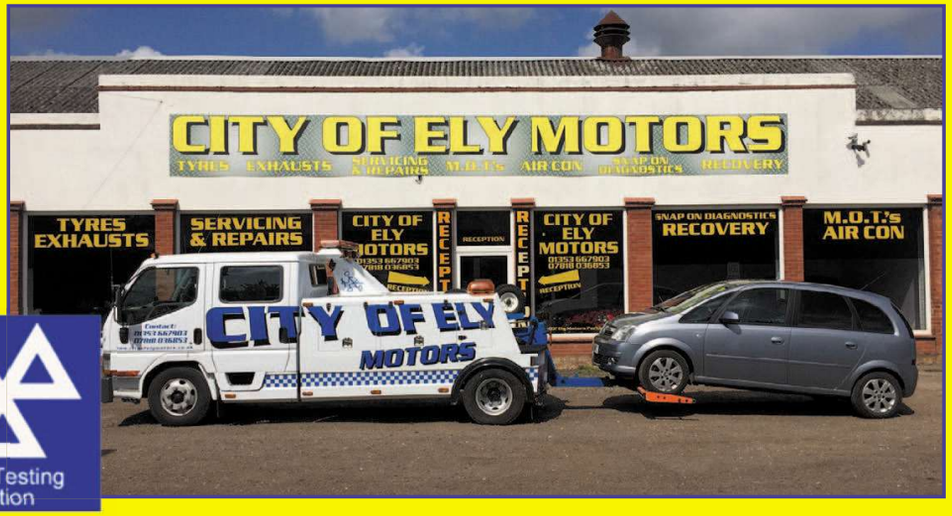

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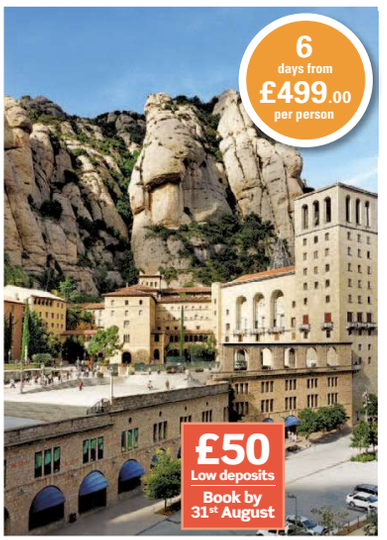

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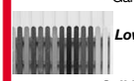

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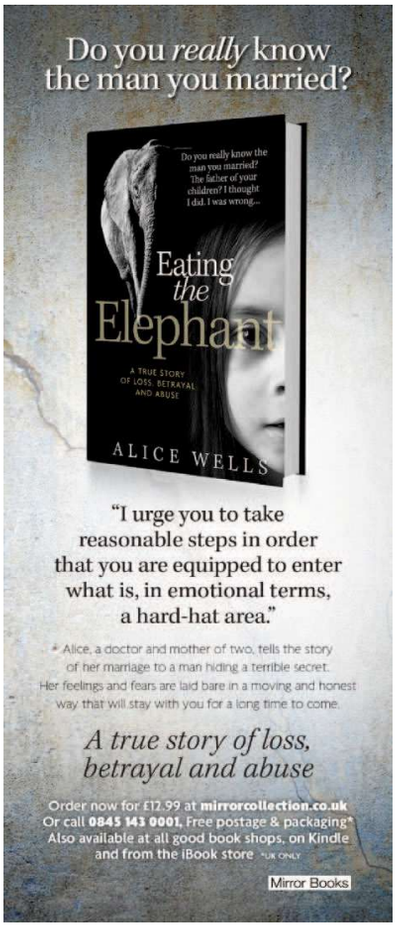

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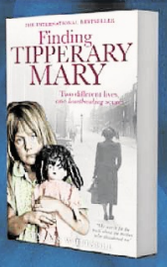

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National action for Eley and Golding

MATT Eley and Robert Golding took on the RTTC National Championship 25-mile time trial for Ely & District/ B&T Motor Repairs Cycling Club at Attleborough.

Eley recorded the quickest time of the pair, finishing in a time of 52.48, while Golding (pictured right) same home in 55.46.

The winner was Ryan Perry of Langdale RT, who was crowned national champion after crossing the line in 46.31.

Eley said: "The course was rough with a brutal headwind on the return leg.

"I was hoping for a top-50 place, but finished in 58th place."

Francesca Rust set a course record on her way to winning the ladies' event for Ely on the B10/36 circuit.

Rust stopped the clock in the undulating 10-mile time trial in 24.42 to take victory, while club-mate Eley went on to post a time of 21.36 to take fourth place in the men's section.

It came after Rust had posted a time of 23.30 in the women's category at the Chronos 10, where she was joined by Eley, who posted

20.34, Golding (21.02) and Derek Ricketts (22.19).

Winner was CC Luton's Ashley Cox, who crossed the line in 18.50.

And in the time trial's tandem event, Colin and Celia Whitechurch finished in a time of 23.47.

Golding was also in action at the VTTA 25, leading the Ely contingent home in 54.46.

Will Shepherd nudged home in front of John Manlow, with respective times of 59.10 and 59.16, while Geoff Brewster finished in 1:01.07.

Meanwhile at the King's Lynn CC 25-mile time trial, six riders from the club took on a tough course in hot conditions.

Dan Bromilow recorded the quickest time of Ely's riders, finishing in a time of 58.26.

Cliff Loveday stopped the clock in 1:01.53, ahead of Ricketts (1:02.25), with Manlow finishing ahead of Shepherd with the duo coming home in respective times of 1:04.02 and 1:04.55.

In the ladies' event, Zena Palgrave finished in a time of 1:08.55.

And Martin Holmes was the most rapid of the club's riders at the Victoria CC 10 in a time of 24.06.

Loveday was not far behind after posting 24.14, with Alison Holmes finishing in 30.18.

The event was won by East London Velo's Wayne Crombie with a time of 21.43.

GOLF

CHAMPION: Jade Guest is all smiles after winning the Ely Junior Open

Guest defends her junior title

JUNIOR golfers from around the region took part in the Ely City Golf Club Junior Open.

Among the 26 competitors was current county champion and last year's winner Jade Guest.

And the Gog Magog youngster successfully defended her title, posting a gross score of 75.

Ely and Saffron Walden member Jacob Gamble finished in second place with a score of 78.

In the low handicap nett division, Jason Segall won with a score of 68, while fellow club member Chloe Ashman was second with 73.

The middle handicap division was won by Ely's Ben Dickens with nett 68, while Swaffham's William Kibbler was runner-up.

And in the high handicap division, Austin Wang from Girton scored an incredible 57 stableford points to take first place.

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BAD DAY: Action from Ely's defeat to Deeping in the FA Cup

Day to forget for Ely as they suffer Cup KO

AN 80th-minute Joe Peacock goal from the penalty spot was all Ely had to show for their efforts as they went down 4-1 at home to Deeping in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup.

Deeping went ahead in the 15th minute when Stuart Coupland's shot spun into the net despite goalkeeper Harry Reynolds getting a good block on it.

The away team's second goal came soon after, with Ben Lewis calmly slotting past the advancing Reynolds.

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James Seymour headed wide for Ely as they attempted to get back into things, but they conceded again on the stroke of half time when a corner was not fully cleared and Scott Mooney netted.

Coupland got his second after the restart by rounding off a quick counter-attack, before Peacock got a late consolation.

"It was very disappointing from start to finish," said Ely boss Brady Stone. "It was a day to forget.

"We didn't start well and we gave away three sloppy goals in the first half. At the minute we're making mistakes and giving goals away.

"If you give teams of that quality a three-goal head start then you can't come back from it. It went 4-0 to them and we scored a penalty with about 10 minutes to go.

"We'll learn from the mistakes, put them right in training and go again in the next game."

Stone's men are in Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division action on Saturday away to Ipswich Wanderers.

Littleport dominant in county finals

Bowls

LITTLEPORT duo Ellen Falkner and Cheryl Salisbury collected a hat-trick of titles in the Bowls Cambridgeshire finals at Chesterton.

England and Cambs women's team captain Falkner and Salisbury were joined by clubmates Linda Churchman and Sue Alexander in the women's fours as they got under way with a 21-8 win over Newmarket Avenue quartet Mary Allen, Margaret Southgate, Janet Howe and Jean Stephens to keep hold of their title.

Falkner and Salisbury had the support of Churchman again as they also retained the women's triples by seeing off home bowlers Linda Andrews, Ann How and Cath Locking 18-11.

And Falkner also had the edge over Locking in the women's four-wood singles final, coming through 21-19.

Salisbury and Churchman demonstrated Littleport's dominance of the women's events as they beat How and Locking 23-14 in the pairs.

The only blot on the copybook came with Falkner's 16-7 loss to Stephens, who retained the two-wood singles honours.

Centurion Logan blitzes the Saints

Cricket

CONOR Logan blasted Wilburton to an eight-wicket victory over St Ives II in Mr Cricket CCA Junior League, Division 1N.

He took just 65 minutes to reach his ton and ended up carrying his bat for 113 off a mere 48 balls, with his brutal knock containing 19 fours and three maximums.

His efforts ensured Wilburton raced to 158 for 2 inside 15 overs.

St Ives had earlier been removed for 157 as Lee Newton (five for 31) had success with the ball. Matthew Dack top-scored with 42 for the Saints.

Witcham trounced **Haddenham** by 89 runs in 3N.

Nigel Howlett (68) and Glen Griffiths (39) shared a 93-run stand to help Witcham post 200 for 7, and then Griffiths' four for 40 led to their opponents being 111 all out.

City of Ely lost at Longstanton in Senior Two.

Kieran Harris and Longstanton captain Toby Saunders bowled tightly and wickets went to Rob Salaman and Will Blake as Ely were all out for 156.

In reply, Saunders (61 not out) and Harris added an unbroken 100-run partnership to get them to 159 for 3.